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Total Of 47 Shocks Recorded
On First Day Alone

FREE-FOR-ALL IN STANLEY PRISON

A free-for-all occurred in Stanley Prison on Saturday between Hakkas and Cantonese prisoners.

As a result 10 prisoners, suffering from stab wounds and other injuries, are now under treatment in the Prison Hospital.

The fight broke out at about 6 a.m. when immediately the doors of the cells were opened, the prisoners rushed out to attack each other.

H.K.-Bound Chinese To Have Passports?

Chinese nationals travelling between Shanghai and Hong Kong will shortly be required to obtain passports or travel certificates from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, according to an unconfirmed report from the Shanghai correspondent of the Wah Kiu Yat Po yesterday.

The correspondent said that the object is to curb the activities of smugglers and at the same time keep a check on Chinese Democratic League personalities and Communist underground leaders travelling between Shanghai and Hong Kong.

The message added that applications for passports or travel certificates must be accompanied by an identity card of the applicant who must also state the reason for travelling to Hong Kong from Shanghai.

The correspondent hinted that the Hong Kong authorities will co-operate with the Chinese authorities in this matter. He pointed out that the subject will be one of the clauses in the Hong Kong-China Customs Agreement.

(The recently announced Hong Kong-China Customs Agreement released by the Hong Kong Government, however, does not contain any clause of the nature stated above).

Final Session For Mackenzie King?

Ottawa, Jan. 26.

The Canadian Parliament reconvenes today for what may be its final session with Mr. William Mackenzie King as the Prime Minister. It may also be the final sitting of the present Parliament if credence be placed in the reports circulating in political circles that an election will be called shortly after the Liberal Party Convention to be held this summer, probably in August.

The appointment of returning officers throughout the country was announced on Saturday.

At the Convention the mystery of Mr. Mackenzie King's personal plans will be cleared up. The Liberal Party leaders are making it known that despite the ambiguity of his speech last week, he has "given the word" that he intends to retire.

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Australian Killed In Wall Collapse

Manila, Jan. 26.

The unofficial death toll climbed to 25 today as stunned residents of Iloilo took stock of losses from the severe earthquake and more than a dozen after-shocks on Sunday which apparently centered within three miles of the war-ravaged city.

Fishermen told of a tidal wave which swept the narrow straits shortly after the initial shock at 1.55 a.m. and estimated damage to their fish-pond corrals at 250,000 pesos.

With the breakdown of telegraphic communications and severely hampered communications with Iloilo, a courier message to the "Manila Times" indicated that damage to churches and public structures would run to well above 1,000,000 pesos.

Of four additional deaths reported, one was a 12-year-old youth caught asleep in the wings of Oton Cathedral; the church was partially demolished. A 30-year-old laborer was fatally crushed when an electric light post toppled into his house.

At San Miguel, a policeman was buried alive, while at Capiz, in the north coast of Panay, excavations were made for the body of another. A Catholic priest was seriously injured while sleeping in the convent adjoining Lambunao Church.

The Iloilo Municipal Council held an emergency meeting during the day and ordered the remaining partially demolished structures pulled down.

Near City

In Manila, Geophysicist Arturo Alcaraz of the Philippine Weather Bureau placed the epicentre of the quake at 288 miles south of Manila, only three miles from the centre of Iloilo City.

The quake of the tectonic type, caused by a sudden lifting of the earth and subsequent settlement, was felt over a 300-mile area from Marinduque in the north to Mindanao in the south. The initial shock was of intensity seven on the revised Rossi-Forel scale, which runs to the maximum intensity of nine.

—Associated Press.

47 Shocks

Manila, Jan. 26.

The Philippine Red Cross stated today that a total of 47 shocks yesterday rocked Iloilo with intensity between Two and Seven, and lighter shocks continued today with intensity between Two and Five.

Routine telegraphic report from the Iloilo office of the Shell Company and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank did not mention any earthquake, and therefore it was presumed that they were not affected.

The Chartered Bank reports: "Violent earthquake shocks shook Iloilo from early morning, diminishing in intensity at late night. The staff is safe and the bank was damaged."

Other Iloilo British companies mention slight damage to their warehouses.—Reuter.

Australian Killed

Manila, Jan. 26.

An Australian seaman, James Hoffman, died when a wall collapsed on him in Iloilo yesterday morning.

The earthquake noticeably rocked Negros, Cebu and Leyte Islands.—Reuter.

Freak Tide

San Francisco, Jan. 26.

A freakish high tide swept into San Francisco Bay today, flooding sewers and shoreline highways in a three-county area and causing the death by drowning of a San Francisco boy.

The tide described by the U.S. Coast Guard as the highest in years, flooded highways.

University of California experts explored the area that the tide was an aftermath of the earthquake which struck the Philippine Islands yesterday. They said any tidal wave resulting from the Philippine quake would have reached the California coast long before today's tide.—United Press.

Communist Uprisings In S. China?

Uprisings in South China led by Communist underground workers are being prepared by the Communists, according to Chinese press messages from Canton yesterday.

The messages said that the South China Communist authorities have established special "Forward Operations Control Committees" in the East River area, in southern Kwangsi, on the Luchow Peninsula, and in Hainan Island.

The primary function of these "Committees" is to procure and equip Communist underground workers with arms and ammunition at a moment's notice for use in uprisings.

The same messages added that during the past fortnight Nationalist troops had clashed with Communist troops on 13 different occasions in areas north of Canton.

China To Smash An Atom

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

An atom smashing experiment—the first to be attempted in this country—will be staged this month at the National Taiwan University in Taipei, capital of Taiwan (Formosa), according to Mr. Tai Xuan Kweli, head of the physics department of the University.

Professor Tai said that since V-J Day, the university authorities have been conducting atom research and with the assistance of the Taiwan Electric Company, preparations have been made for the experiment.

—Reuter.



Shinwell's Toy Soldiers

Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the Minister of War, was for a few minutes in charge of a somewhat different brand of soldier when he paid a recent visit to the Schoolboys' Own Exhibition in the Horticultural Hall, London. He is here seen examining some of the extremely clever lead soldier on the Army Careers display stand. (Associated Press Photo).

Compensation For Jap Extensions At Kai Tak

An Ordinance to provide that land employed by the occupying power in extension of the Kai Tak Airfield shall be deemed to have reverted to the Crown with effect from Sept. 1, 1945, and to provide for the payment of compensation in respect of the conversion, will have its first reading in Legislative Council tomorrow.

During the period of the occupation an extension was made by the Japanese occupying forces to the area of the Kai Tak Airfield. Such information as is available indicates that no compensation was paid by the occupying power to the owners of agricultural land, but that limited compensation was paid, though not invariably, in respect of houses in the area though such compensation was not always paid to the true owner of the house. Owners absent from the Colony received nothing.

The main portion of the extension was effected in Survey Districts 1 and 2. Such area mainly comprised agricultural land but it included the village of Po Kong. But land of a more valuable character in the area of Kowloon Inland Lots was also affected. Additionally Sai Kung Road was diverted so as to form a part of the perimeter of the extension, and buildings in the neighbourhood of the extension were demolished to provide a flight approach area.

At the date of the liberation of the Colony the extension to the Airfield had, in essentials, been completed and it was not feasible to reinstate buildings or the persons dispossessed. From such date the extended area has continued in use and application for compensation by a number of the former owners has been received.

Considerable enquiry, research of all available records and inspection of the area, have enabled the Government Valuation and Resumption Officer to determine what land has been absorbed and to ascertain that a total of 1,638 lots is affected.

The object of the Bill is to provide compensation for dispossessed owners in respect of land which is now being used as part of the airfield, and as a necessary corollary to provide machinery for the legal reversion of such land to the Crown.

The machinery provided by Clause 3 of the Bill is that a Plan shall be prepared showing the area, on which it will be possible in most cases to locate and identify the individual lots. From the Plan, a Schedule will be prepared which will give the lot number and other details, and which can be the basis of claims, since it is provided that copies of the plan will be available for inspection at the

Land Office, Victoria, and the District Office, Kowloon.

Clause 4 provides for the reversion to the Crown of the land in the extension with effect from Sept. 1, 1945, but reserves to the former owners any right or claim against the occupying power and a right to compensation in respect of land (but not buildings) under the Bill upon enactment.

Clause 5 provides for the mode of assessment of compensation. Because the Bill contemplates the payment of compensation in respect of land only, it has been possible to assess compensation at values obtained on Sept. 1, 1945, and define graded values per square foot, grades being assigned to each class of lot mentioned in the Schedule available for inspection by the public. Such graded values have been assessed on a generous basis.

Claims

Clause 6 provides for rendering of claims in a standardised form, for their scrutiny by the Land Officer in accordance with the registers of pre-war transactions, and for notification to the claimant of acceptance or rejection. The Assistant Land Officer, New Territories will carry out these functions in respect of land in Survey Districts 1 and 2.

Clause 7 empowers the Governor in Council upon application to amend the Schedule or the Plan from which it is prepared, and for reference to a Board of Arbitrators to make recommendation upon such application.

Clause 8 provides for a standing Board of Arbitrators to consider references.

Supplementary Provision

A supplementary provision for the third quarter ending December 1947, amounting to \$2,409,743, is to come before Legislative Council for approval tomorrow.

Largest items are \$700,000 (special military expenditure), \$205,000 (to implement policy of removing hawkers from main streets), \$200,000 (P.W.D.) and \$125,000 (Government contribution to War Memorial Fund).

38.8 Deg!

At least 10 died from the cold in Hong Kong yesterday, when the thermometer dropped to 38.8 degrees Fahrenheit, equalling the January 1917 low record. The forecast last night was "continuing cold."

For the past two nights, the Chung Shing Benevolent Society and the Tung Wah Hospital have distributed cotton quilts to destitutes found sleeping in the streets without adequate covering.

Britain Lashed By Gale

London, Jan. 26.

The worst gale of the winter continued unabated today after lashing Britain's coasts throughout the night. More gales accompanied by rain are said to be on the way.

Heavy seas, whipped by wind reaching 60 miles an hour in some gusts, are pounding the South Coast and still preventing the relief of two light-houses at the western entrance to the English Channel—Bishop's Rock and Wolf Rock—which have been cut off from the Cornish mainland for well over a fortnight.

Small ships have taken shelter around the coasts. Life boats in a six-mile night rescue took three Liverpool men off a fishing boat in distress.

A lifeboat from Walmer, Kent, and tug from Dover returned to port today after going to the aid of an unknown ship aground on the treacherous Goodwin Sands. She eventually succeeded in freeing herself.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

General situation—The Japanese anti-cyclone which dominates East Asia has a main centre over North China but is weakening. A depression centred to the east of Tokyo continues to move east-north-east and a trough links with a low pressure area south of the Caroline Islands.

Forecast—Moderate south or north-east winds, overcast with light local drizzle at times continuing cold.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 48°; minimum 38°; rain 1.5 in. (mostly after 6 p.m.).

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JAPANESE TO BE FORCED TO PAY THEIR TAXES

Tokyo, Jan. 26.

General MacArthur's Headquarters today announced that Allied troops would be used to back up the demand that the Japanese pay their taxes.

Lack of income through tax collections is forcing the Government to print more paper money, adding to the already bad inflation.

Today's announcement said more than 60 Military Government teams would be detailed throughout Japan this week to "exercise vigilance" over Japanese tax offices.

There have been reports that tax collectors themselves advised individuals and corporations not to pay high taxes.

The Allied Headquarters announcement said, "Working with the prefectural Military Government authorities under Eighth Army direction, they will report in detail to SCAP any deficiencies and obstructions in revenue collection."

British Too

Officials of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section said the surveillance teams "will carefully observe the work of more than 30,000 Japanese Government tax collectors in their intensive drive to collect 133,900,000,000 yen in taxes for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1948."

The teams will be similar to those dispatched recently for surveillance of fish and vegetable distribution. They will consist of an officer and an interpreter each, equipped with an Army vehicle.

British Commonwealth Occupation forces will also participate in the programme in their area.—United Press.

Bullet In Back For Two Months

Shot two months ago by pirates in Pun U District, a travelling trader, Chan Chung, was admitted to the Hong Kong Sanatorium last Sunday with the bullet still in his back.

The 27-year-old trader was "cured" a month after being shot and carried on his business for some time. A few days ago his back began to ache and X-ray examination at the Sanatorium revealed the bullet.

Hong Kong Students For Britain

When the ss. "Empire Brent" left Hong Kong for England on Saturday, she had on board four candidates sponsored by the British Council. This is the first selection that has been made from Hong Kong.

They will represent their various professions and vocations and will study the British methods and viewpoints of their counterparts in England.

The selection was made by the British Universities Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. T. R. Rowell, Director of Education.

Mrs. Yeoh Wai Han, Senior Case Worker of the Hong Kong Social Welfare Centre; Mr. Hubert Lai, Assistant Secretary of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association; Mr. Li Hon Ki, Station Master, Yau-mai; and Mr. Goh Kong Hoi, Postal Clerk, General Post Office.

'Ball-Pen King' In H.K.

America's "ball-pen King," Milton Reynolds, arrived here yesterday by CNAC from Shanghai.

The millionaire, who is planning an aerial expedition over China's unknown western regions, is flying to Canton today to see Governor T. V. Soong, and also to inspect ground facilities of the "White Cloud" aerodrome. He will fly with Mr. K. B. Lee in the latter's private plane.

From Canton, Mr. Reynolds will fly to Macao to inspect its ground-air facilities and confer with the Portuguese authorities.

He will return here on Tuesday and expects to leave for the United States via Manila on Wednesday.

After a 10-day sojourn in America, Mr. Reynolds will return to Shanghai to start his aerial expedition.

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Sentenced Embezzler's Parents Collapse

On hearing that their son had been sentenced to six months' hard labour without the option of a fine by Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday the aged parents and relatives of Mak Fung, 22-year-old accountant, wept bitterly and begged the Magistrate to have mercy and give him the option of a fine.

Mak's mother, ushered into the court, fainted and was treated by Dr. Gould.

Mak was appearing on charges of fraudulently embezzling \$3,400 from his employer, Chan Chai Sang, and making a false report to the police.

Inspector Moran told the court that in 1930 one Tang Fong-chuen bought 8 Stephen's Lane and left the Colony in 1941, leaving behind his wife and mother. According to statements to the Police, Tang said he left no one to act as his agent regarding his house.

In December 1944, defendant went to the Land Office and produced three Powers of Attorney, the strength of which new deeds were made out for the house. Eventually defendant sold the house to Tang Chi-kin, who paid 40,000 Military Yen (Japanese), but withheld the rest doubling the validity of the deeds.

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Defendant's employer said that he would take him back.

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Related To Plaintiff In Civil Suit

Lai Nock, witness in a civil action before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, at the Supreme Court last year in a dispute over 8 Stephen's Lane, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with perjury.

Defendant, represented by Mr. A.S.C. Comber, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour as from the date he was in police custody, July 2, 1947.

Inspector Moran told the court that in 1930 one Tang Fong-chuen bought 8 Stephen's Lane and left the Colony in 1941, leaving behind his wife and mother. According to statements to the Police, Tang said he left no one to act as his agent regarding his house.

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Crown Land Sold For \$204,000

Approximately 9,300 square feet of Crown Land in Yu Chau Street between Poplar and Cedar Streets were put up for auction at the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon.

Annual Crown rent is \$426. From the upset price of \$37,200 the first bid was \$100,000. From this price the bidding crept up slowly by \$500 until a sudden jump to \$150,000, after which no bids of more than \$150,000 were made.

The lot was finally knocked down to Mr. Chung Ching-chuen, merchant of No. 18 Cochrane Street, ground floor for \$204,000.

One condition of sale is that the purchaser must erect buildings on the land within two years and must expend a sum not less than \$250,000.

A further condition is that the purchaser should be unable to erect in the stipulated time, would not be permitted to mortgage or transfer the property without the consent of the Director of Public Works.

"Juvenile" Over 16

The "Little Tigers," medical examination revealed, is over 16 years and probably a little under 17.

This was made known at Central Magistracy yesterday when the "juvenile" appeared before Mr. F.X. d'Almada after a 19-day remand for medical examination of her age, charged with obstruction and having without a licence.

Known to Police as the "Lo Fu" (Tiger), defendant had been arrested about 15 times by St. Hollingshead for the same offences.

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"NUNS SOLD TO BACHELORS"

Nanking, Jan. 26. "Young nuns in Harbin are being sold to bachelors at 70 dollars per pound of their weight," according to a refugee woman arriving in Mukden from Taitshihar, the Central News Agency reported today. This is said to be part of the Communist "New Deal" under which women are being "communistized."

According to the refugee's story, women at Taitshihar—situated northwest of Harbin—are "comparatively more fortunate" in that "they are only forced to marry monks, without being priced according to their weight." "Even then," the woman was quoted as saying, "some of them committed suicide out of a sense of shame."—Reuter-AAP.

Barrister Admitted To Practise

Mr. Vincent Leonard John d'Alton was yesterday admitted by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), to practise as a barrister-at-law of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.

Moving the application for Mr. d'Alton's admission, the Hon. Mr. J. B. Griffin, Attorney General, said that Mr. d'Alton had a long association with China and that for 17 years prior to the outbreak of the war he worked for the Chinese Government in the Ministry of Communications.

In the course of the war, he worked in the Ministry of Information in London and was practising for a brief time in Shanghai as a barrister.

Mr. d'Alton had very special qualifications in that he took a degree in French Civil Law in 1924 and also qualified in Chinese Civil Law in 1940.

He was called to the English Bar in July 1946, having read in Chambers before that date.

Mr. Griffin said that he was glad to have the opportunity of extending to Mr. d'Alton a warm welcome on behalf of the Bar and to express the hope that if and when he came to practise in this Colony, he would meet with every happiness and success.

According to the application, Mr. Justice Williams joined with Mr. Griffin in extending a warm welcome to Mr. d'Alton and expressed the belief that with his experience in Shanghai and his dealings with the Chinese and Chinese affairs, he would have every success.

Caught in a Police military dragnet was one of four Chinese males alleged to have stolen approximately 70 yards of telephone cable above Tiaman Reservoir last Saturday evening.

Charged with malicious damage, Lau On, a 24-year-old unemployed, was remanded by Mr. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday for three days.

Acting on information from the Hong Kong Signals Regiment at 7.30 p.m., two Police squads were sent out. One squad under Det. Chek Ho-ka followed up through Stubbs Road towards Cecil Rise, while another squad under St. MacCahy went towards Tiaman Reservoir. A military detachment was sent towards Tiaman Reservoir in the opposite direction.

Lau was alleged to have been caught by this detachment. Defendant, pleading not guilty, said he was only keeping a watch and did not have any part in cutting the underground cable line.

Had 25 Passengers Too Many

Pleading guilty to carrying 25 excess passengers the Coxswain of a Tai Ping motor junk was fined \$200 or two months by Mr. N. Garland, the Marine Magistrate, yesterday.

S. J. McCarthy of the Water Police said that defendant's motor junk was intercepted entering the harbour last Saturday.

Defendant stated that the 25 men were employed to keep the fresh water fish alive and were in fact not passengers.

Chief Marine Licensing Officer Frank Brett said that boats such as defendant's when carrying fish were already in a waterlogged state and should an accident happen the consequences would be great.

In imposing the fine, Mr. Garland advised defendant to have the matter of his crew referred to the Marine Licensing Department.

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Mr. Dunhill Found Himself "Done"

Mary Ketchell, alias Oi Pul-cheng of No. 54 Stanley Street, appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada charged with obtaining money by false pretences from Mr. F. W. Dunhill.

Taking into consideration defendant's promise of immediate restitution Mr. d'Almada fined her \$400.

DSI Shaw told the Court that defendant, charged with obtaining falsely \$300 from Mr. Dunhill saying that she was entitled to give tenancy at No. 125, Boundary Street, top floor and taking \$100 for advance rent, discussed with complainant in his office on Nov. 30 a flat which defendant claimed to belong to her brother-in-law.

Defendant was not seen by Dunhill until her arrest at No. 54, Stanley Street, and the charges brought against her. Defendant pleaded guilty to both counts and promised to pay back the money.

Arrangements were made for Dunhill to see the flat, but defendant did not turn up until Dec. 3, when she took Dunhill to No. 125, Boundary Street, which was being renovated.

The rent was to be \$300 per month for a year, she told him explaining that she wanted to let her flat to a reputable person for one year when she would be in Bangkok.

On Dec. 15, she received \$300 and another \$100 as advance rent for January from complainant.

Falls and brooms were then requested for cleaning up the flat, which Dunhill gave.

Owing to the long absence of defendant, Dunhill made inquiries and found out that the flat was occupied by Mr. F. L. Lee, who got it from a Mr. Wong, owner of the flat, who did not know either defendant or her brother-in-law.

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KOWLOON COURT OFFICIALS REPEL "BOARDERS"

Red Tape To Canton To Be Eased

CANTON, Jan. 26. — FOREIGNERS TRAVELLING FROM HONG KONG TO THIS CITY MAY SOON FIND THE PRESENT RED TAPE PROCEDURE FOR THE JOURNEY MODIFIED.

Under the present regulations each time a foreigner comes to Canton he has to obtain a visa from the Hong Kong office of the Commission of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Apart from the fact that each visa costs HK\$12, forms in duplicate with two photographs attached, have to be filled.

When the visitor leaves Canton, he has to send the passport to the Police Headquarters for an exit permit.

A visa is only valid for 14 days and the holder must understand that some modifications may be forthcoming to ease the red tape.

End Of A Sentence

KEI KANG, Jan. 26. — YU LING and HO P. KANG who were sentenced to life imprisonment in 1945, were released from prison yesterday afternoon on completion of their terms.

The two were transferred to serve their terms here shortly after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war in 1937. Due to the practical difficulties of final judgment was not announced until Dec. 6, last year, by the National Supreme Court, which sentenced them to 10 years imprisonment.

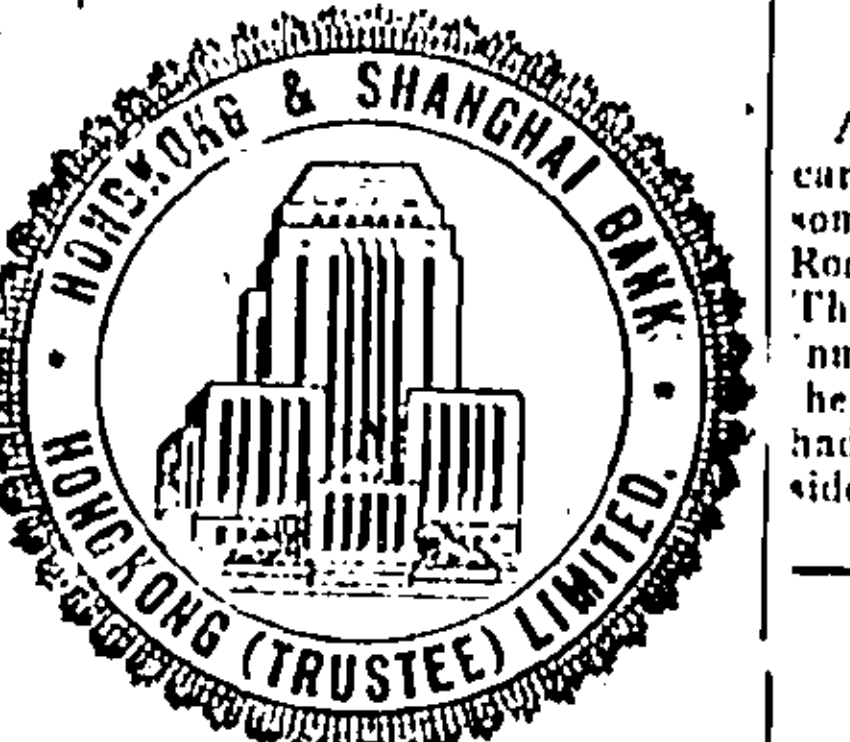
With their civil rights deprived during the period of confinement, however, the two had already served more than 12 years in prison. — Central News.

No Invite For Ho Chi Minh

HO CHI MINH, Jan. 26. — Ho Chi Minh, leader of the Viet Nam independence movement, will not be invited to the end-of-the-year banquet in Hanoi.

Ho Chi Minh, who passed through Saigon on his way to Hanoi, described Ho Chi Minh as a "Communist and one-time Japanese collaborator."

Ho Chi Minh is a high official of the Viet Nam independence movement, and has been in contact with former Emperor Bao Dai. — Associated Press.



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Women Attempt To Create Scene

The Kowloon Magistracy was rushed about six times yesterday by two females determined to enter the building to continue the din they created on Saturday and early next morning.

Court Inspector Cheng and three of his subordinate officers had their hands full in trying to repulse the invaders without inflicting, or suffering, any casualties.

The invasion was preceded about half an hour earlier by the peaceful entry of two women into the corridors adjoining the two Courts, then in session.

The tranquility and dignity was suddenly blasted by piercing screams, followed by loud and prolonged lamentations when the two women wept for their children and would not be comforted.

They were promptly rushed out of the Court precincts on to the Magistracy grounds when, after obstinately refusing the advice of Court Inspector Cheng to leave quietly, they were marched down the steps and deposited at Gascogne Road.

Rush Entrance

Determined to claim the two juveniles who were convicted on Saturday and sent to the Reformatory for two years, the two women (the younger with a child strapped on her back) rushed the entrance.

They were stopped by the nighty arms of the Law, and again "persuaded" to go down to Gascogne Road. This happened five or six times, until Inspector Cheng got fed up of the "game" and telephoned to the Yau-mai Police Station.

Franco Wants The Door Open

Lisbon, Jan. 26. — An authoritative source said today that the Spanish Government has asked the French Government to reopen the Pyrenean frontier which was closed nearly two years ago.

The suggestion was made in a note handed to the French, in which the Spanish Government offered a detailed plan for opening the Franco-Spanish frontier and suggested that such action be taken on February 15.

The plan was said to contain comprehensive proposals for breaking the deadlock in the relations between the two countries and for the restoration of travel, merchandise, transport, mail, wireless, telephone service and other communications.

The note reportedly said it would be the last attempt by Spain to end the deadlock. — United Press.

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12.15 p.m.—STUDIO: Religious Talk to Children.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—Light Variety.

1.00 p.m.—Lullaby: Ballet Egyptian Suite, New Light Symphony Orp.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"From the Show"—Light Opera.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—D.B.C. transcription Service: "Nary Mixture."

6.20 p.m.—Variety.

6.30 p.m.—STUDIO: "See Too" on Sport.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—STUDIO: Hot Feller at the Piano.

7.35 p.m.—STUDIO: Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Allen Woods.

8.00 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra.

8.50 p.m.—D.B.C. transcription Service: A Play—Henry Hudson.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.15 p.m.—STUDIO: A Talk by the Rev. Father Dr. Ryan S.J. "Great Changes"—Schumann.

9.45 p.m.—Music of Schumann.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News.

10.15 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from "The City" M.C. Hobbs.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

It's Cold In Shanghai, Too!

Shanghai, Jan. 26. — The centre of a cold wave hit Shanghai early this morning and sent the temperature down to 14 degrees below zero Centigrade—the coldest day of the year.

The Weather Bureau here predicted today that the cold snap is expected to remain for another three days. Warmer weather, however, is expected before the week end.—Reuter.

Soviet Economist In Disgrace

New York, Jan. 26. — The "New York Times" says Eugene Varga, noted Soviet economist who was wartime adviser to Prime Minister Stalin, is in disgrace for reporting that no crisis looms for western capitalism, and for saying Soviet communism and Anglo-American capitalism should collaborate.

The "N.Y. Times" said the exact text of the book that caused Varga's downfall is not known, but the official report of the Soviet Academy of Science showed that his conclusion included:—

There is no likelihood of an economic crisis in Western capitalism during the first ten postwar years. Democratic situation of the more "exploited" workers in the democracies improved during the war.

Capitalistic countries did not enrich themselves by war. "Many forms" of colonial exploitation have been abolished or mitigated. Soviet satellite states of Eastern Europe are less important in postwar development than Western European states.

In an article written by Will Lissner and based on "official" Soviet publications that arrived in New York last week, the "N.Y. Times" said Varga "has suffered—at the least—demotion."

"He has been stripped of his post as Director of the Institute of World Economics and World Politics in the Soviet Academy of Sciences," Lissner wrote.

Party Line

His conclusions, the article said, describing the book, which circulated for a year as a party document, "were that optimistic economic analysis compelled him to adopt positions on the post-war relationship between the Soviet Union and the western democracies that in every instance were the complete opposite to what are now basic tenets of the Communist Party line."

"In the face of certain disgrace, when he was brought to judgment before the bar of 20 of his peers, Dr. Varga refused to recant. Treated with the respect due to a man of his scholarship and courage, he offered to make minor corrections in his theories."

"He offered to make any political interpretations that were needed. But on the conclusion he had drawn from the facts, he refused to budge."—Associated Press.

Twenty In Disgrace

"His institute has been abolished. In disgrace with him are 20 of the most important economists in the Soviet Union, because they refused to reject all his theoretical positions and even persisted in maintaining some of them in the face of official pressure."

Kashmir Dispute Developments

Lake Success, Jan. 25. — The question of withdrawing Indian troops from Kashmir loomed today as a major issue in United Nations-sponsored negotiations for peace in partitioned India.

Representatives of the Dominions of Pakistan and India were busy here drafting individual plans for settlement of the fighting in the princely State and an eventual plebiscite.

Both delegations were reported in frequent contact with New Delhi and Karachi.

The proposals evolved will be considered on Monday at a meeting of the two Dominions with Ferdinand van Langenhove of Belgium, Security Council President.

Monday's session will mark the resumption of direct negotiations broken off last week and initiated again on Council instructions. The Council acted after Britain said "the alternative to war is agreement here."

India troop withdrawals and the question of an impartial interim government in Kashmir appeared to be the main stumbling blocks.

Hindu India dispatched the soldiers in the announced purpose of driving out invading Muslims and establishing order when Kashmir provisionally acceded to India. New Delhi contends there can be no vote to determine whether Kashmir will permanently accede to India or Moslem Pakistan until the fighting is ended.

Pakistan maintains on the other hand that no impartial administration can be set up or vote held as long as Indian forces are operating in Kashmir. Pakistan also denied aiding these invaders as charged by India.

One compromise possibility would be to reduce the number of Indian troops, estimated at 15,000, and move in enough Pakistan soldiers to give the two Dominions about equal strength in the contested area. Seventy-seven per cent of Kashmir's 4,000,000 inhabitants are Moslems. — Associated Press.

ARCHDEACON SWINDLED

Archdeacon Li Kow-yan of the All Saints Church, Pak To Street, Kowloon, was the victim of a "swindle" yesterday.

Two foreigners, speaking with an accent which Archdeacon Li thought was Russian, called at the Church asking for change for \$100.

Archdeacon Li handed them the \$50 note which he had in hand and told them to wait while he went inside his house to get the remainder.

But when he returned the strangers had gone, and so was the \$50.

Bandits Attack Town Near Amoy

Shanghai, Jan. 26. — A Pro-Government report from Foochow yesterday disclosed for the first time that "bandits" believed affiliated with the Communists have attacked Kuanhow, 24 miles southwest of Amoy, since Jan. 21.

The report claimed that the initial bandit raids were repulsed after heavy fighting but additional bandits are at present massing on the border of the two counties of Changshai and Changshui, indicating that fresh attacks are expected.

The report also claimed that rumours that the magistrate of Changshai, near the Fujian coast, had fled to Amoy, were unfounded, but admitted that the "bandits" surrounded a village five miles outside the city for one night. It said the city was said to be calm and quiet at present.

"Bandit" activities lately have increased considerably, according to local reports, and observers believed that the operations are co-ordinated with the Communist drives to the north bank of the Yangtze River in an attempt to cut off the vital waterway. — United Press.

HEADMASTER CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Further evidence was heard by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in the case in which Leung Ngai-chi (36), headmaster, and Leung Mong (32) are jointly charged with conspiracy to falsify the accounts of the Yeung Tak Middle School between June, 1946 and April 1947.

The headmaster is further being charged on seven counts of larceny of school funds, the joint property of himself and Mau Muk-m, his partner.

Mr. A.J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, is appearing for the prosecution, with Mr. P.J. Griffiths defending.

Wong Muk-shum, a scholar of the school, stated that when he first entered the school on its inception, he paid an entrance fee of \$5 and a fee of \$85 while he was in Class 4.

On being promoted to Class 5, said witness, he had to pay another registration fee of \$2, while the school fees were raised to \$70. He was given receipts for the school fees, he said, but not for the registration fees.

He was forced to purchase all exercise books and text books from the school, said witness. The price of the former was about the same as that charged outside. The text books were, however, obtainable from other sources at between 10 and 20 per cent cheaper than the prices in the school.

Pens and Pencils

Pens and pencils, continued witness, were bought from the Co-operative Shop, run by the school, at prices approximating those ruling outside.

Referring to the various outwitnesses said that he went to the Diamond Hill. They went here on foot and had to subscribe to purchase food. The same thing happened in the picnic at To Yuen Tung. They did not hold nothing for either of the picnics.

In reply to Mr. Griffiths, witness said that Mau Muk-m was in the school when he first joined. He did not, however, see him in the office.

No exercise books were ever given free of charge to any pupils, witness said in reply to another question.

Witness was given by Sin Kwok-ching (37) and Ip Cheuk-wan and Chan Kiu-wan, teachers of the school, was to the effect that they had to pay for messing in school and that they had never been offered any cheap rice by the school.

The headmaster heard of a second accused having purchased rice at a high price and offering it to the staff at a cheap rate. Hearing will be continued this morning.

Jewish "United Command"

Somewhere in Palestine, Jan. 26. — Irgun leaders said today that talks are going on to consolidate the military forces of Hagannah, Sternists and Irgun and predicted a fully "united command" of all Jewish forces when the Arabs begin their offensive.

The merger talks, with Irgun leaders, long sought by the authorities as "enemies of the state," were held at the secret Irgun headquarters where they outlined their plans.

They claimed they are ready to "launch a counter-attack on the entire front when the Arab invasion starts." — United Press.

DEPARTURE DELAYED

Tsingtao, Jan. 26. — The departure of Admiral Charles M. Cooke, retiring Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in the West Pacific has been delayed until about March 1.

Admiral Cooke's departure was originally scheduled for February 10, but was postponed when he was advised that his successor, Vice-Admiral O.C. Badger, would be delayed in his arrival at Tsingtao to take over the command. — United Press.

Three men, one of them armed, entered a tea house at 381 Hennessy Road, yesterday at about 11.15 p.m., and robbed the cashier of \$250 cash. They escaped before any alarm could be raised.



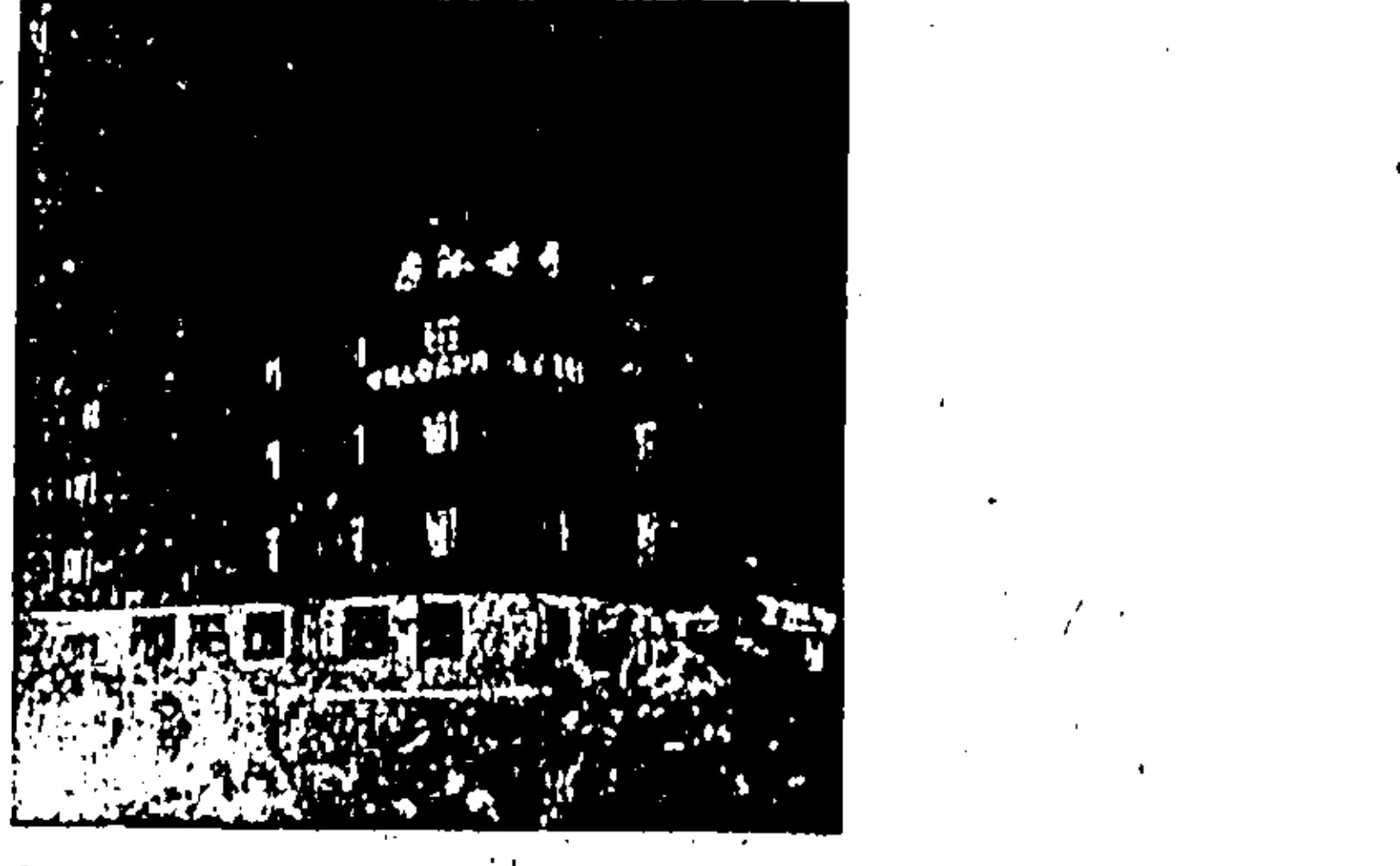
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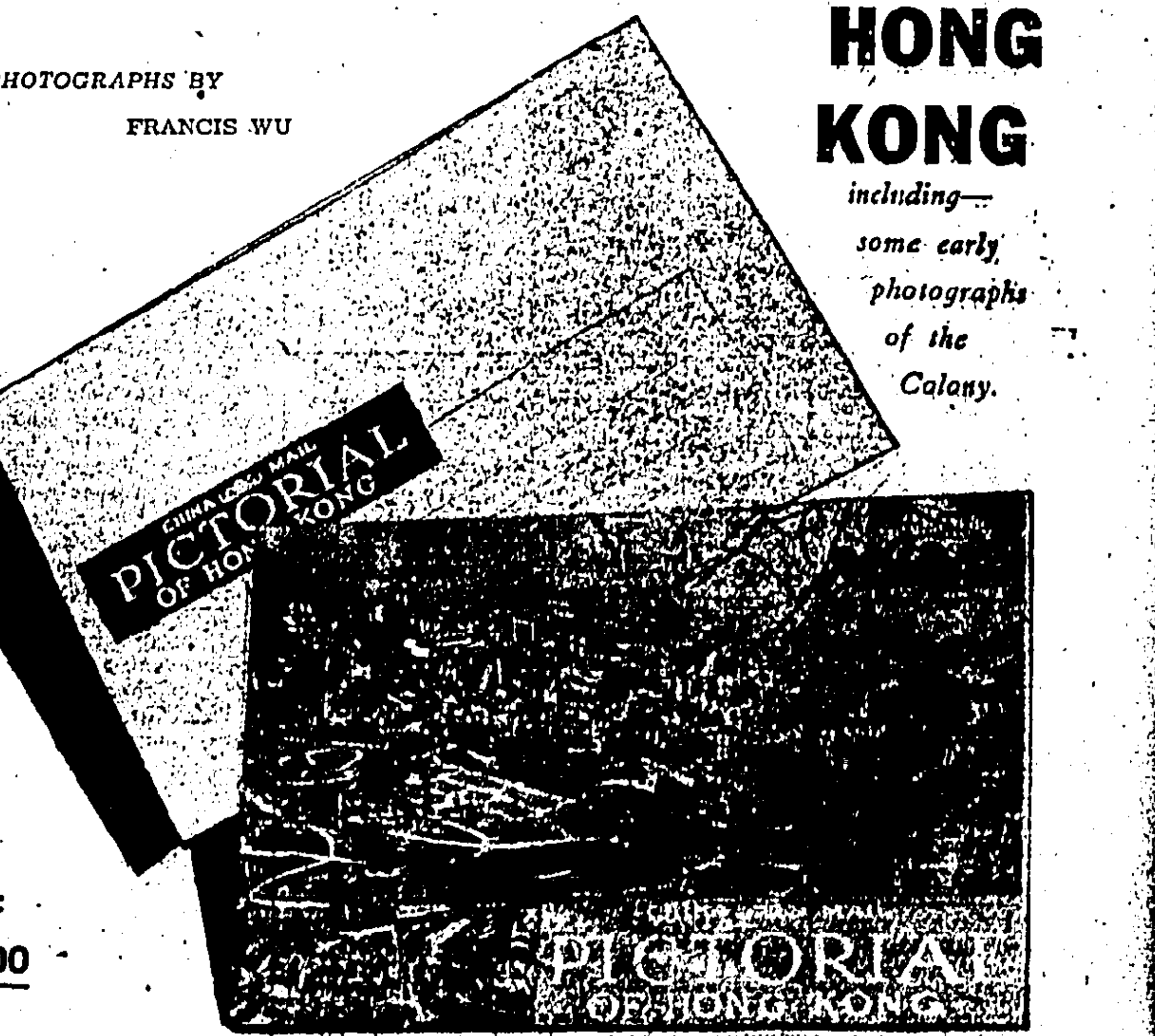
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yard, Hong Kong between 9.30-
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on 26th to 29th January, 1948.
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Yard Hong Kong on the days
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Customs Employees On Strike

Some 2,000 Customs employ-
ees went on strike today for
better wages—the first full-
fledged strike since the end of
the war.

A six-man delegation of the
striking called on the Customs
Inspector-General this afternoon
to present their demands, as the
strike developed suddenly about
10.30 this morning. The contents
of the demands presented to the
Inspector-General are still un-
known.

Affected by the work stoppage
are all indoor clerical staff in the
Customs House and Inspectors at
Post Offices.

Shortly before the New Year,
Customs workers went on a two-
day strike in order to back up
their demand for a special New
Year bonus, but the Inspector-
General flatly rejected any fur-
ther bonus apart from "loans"
amounting to two months salary.

Port Tied Up

In the meantime, the entire
port is becoming increasingly
snarled with incoming shipments.
Unless the strike is settled by to-
morrow, officials said, orders will
be issued to halt the unloading
of all cargoes.

Government is expected to
move as fast as possible to settle
the strike, as each hour repre-
sents losses of huge revenues.—
Reuter and United Press.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

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(otherwise FRED CUL-
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NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Court has by
virtue of Section 58 of the
Probates Ordinance, 1897, made
an Order limiting the time for
creditors and others to send in
their claims against the above
estate to the 25th February,
1948.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
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Dated the 26th day of Jan.,
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Long Battle With Haganah Forces

Jerusalem, Jan. 25.

British armoured cars, equipped with two-pounder
guns and heavy machine-guns, tonight broke
up a battle between Arabs and Jews in the
mountains along the Jerusalem to Jaffa road
after more than 26 casualties had been in-
flicted on both sides.

The veteran Arab guerilla chief, Abdul Kadar
Husseini, personally led a band of several
hundred heavily armed Arabs which fought
a four-hour battle with units of Haganah, the
Jewish Defence Force, in the Mount Castel
area.

The Arabs claimed to have
killed eight Jews for the loss of
two killed and four wounded.
Jewish sources admitted five Jews
were killed, but claimed about 10
Arabs were killed.

The battle was joined at noon
when a Haganah scouting force,
spearheaded by a big Jewish convoy
of buses, lorries and cars travel-
ling from Tel-Aviv towards Jeru-
salem, clashed with an Arab
party commanded by Husseini,
which it is understood, was pre-
paring to mine the road about 10
kilometres west of Jerusalem.

Both sides called up reinforce-
ments. Messengers rushed to
Arab villages, sounding a call to
arms, and Arab riflemen and
"tommy" gunners commanded
cars, lorries and one bus to rush
to the scene of the battle.

Meanwhile, the Haganah force
was swelled by armed men from
the convoy.

Heavy gunfire re-echoed from
the hills flanking the road and
thousands of rounds before the
battle died down.

Returning from the battle, Hus-
seini, riding a big American car,
surrounded by his bodyguard
carrying machine-guns, was given
a victory reception as he headed
his column of bandoliered rifle-
brandishing Arabs through the
town of Ramallah, north of Jeru-
salem.

Hundreds of cheering townsmen
fired pistols and rifles into the air,
shouting: "Death to the Jews."
—Reuter.

Lee-Enfield Goes For £50!

Jerusalem, Jan. 25.

The high prices being paid for weapons in Pales-
tine today would appear to indicate that nei-
ther the Arabs nor the Jews here consider
their armories sufficiently well stocked to
maintain the large fighting forces likely to be
involved in the all-out fight which they are
preparing to engage when the British surren-
der their mandate on May 15.

As they intensify their murderous
attacks and reprisals throughout the
country in preparation for that time,
both sides appear to be well enough
equipped with grenades, sub-ma-
chine-guns, rifles and pistols for their
daily clashes and raids.
But in Palestine today, a British
Army rifle is worth up to £50 and
a revolver about £25, while a Sten
gun is valued at about £90 and a
Thompson sub-machinegun is worth
about £120.

Haganah circles say that these high
prices are being paid by the Arabs,
but not by the Jews, giving the im-
pression that the Jews have suf-
ficient arms.

Queer Bag

This impression, however, does
not bear out the reports of armed
Jewish bands risking their lives—and
taking others—in raids on British
stores to secure arms.

The Arabs, too, have made raids
for arms, but the Arabic press re-
ports that arms prices are falling be-
cause more weapons are being im-
ported into Arab Palestine.

A queer assortment of pistols has
been seized by members of the
Palestine police and Army during
searches of gunmen. The hauls in-
clude Italian Brette, German
Mauers and Lugers, British Smith
and Wessons and American Colts, as
well as a sprinkling of other Con-
tinental makes.

Since the United Nations decision
to partition Palestine, British soldiers
and police, in spite of a barrage of
abuse and bullets from both sides,
have confiscated the following:

Minute Portion

From the Jews: 31 pistols, 43
rifles, 32 Sten guns, 15 Bren guns, one
mortar, 12 mortar shells, 171
grenades, 428 Vercy light cartridges,
and 4,600 rounds of ammunition.

From the Arabs: 20 pistols, two
Sten guns, 21 rifles, six grenades, 96
sticks of gelignite and 1,000 rounds
of ammunition.

Most of these weapons have been
found in street, bus and car searches

23 Dead In U.S. Blizzard

NEW YORK, JAN. 25.
THE DEATHROLL IN THE
SECOND GREAT BLIZZARD TO
STRIKE THE AMERICAN EAST
COAST THIS WINTER TODAY
ROSE TO 23 AS THE SNOW
STORM, WHICH LASHED THE
WHOLE EASTERN SEABOARD,
SWEEPED OUT TO SEA, LEAVING
A TRAIL OF DISRUPTED
TRANSPORT AND CLOGGED
HIGHWAYS.

A blanket of snow, 15 to 30
centimetres deep, covered most of
the coastal and central states and
temperatures were still about
minus 18 degrees cen. rade.

Arens as far south as the
Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and
even New Orleans were struck by
blinding snowstorms.

The coldest spot in the United
States yesterday was Montpelier,
Vermont, where the tem-
perature was minus 73 degrees
centigrade.

Roads throughout the affected
area were covered with ice, making
driving dangerous, and railways
were still running up to eight
hours behind schedule.—Reuter.

The steamer offered to tow her
to the German Island of Borkum
but she declined. The steamer
then wiredless to the Imuiden
coast-guard station and the life-
boat was despatched.—Reuter.

C.N.A.C. LINE TO JAPAN

Shanghai, Jan. 25.

Dr. Liu Ching-yi, general
manager of the China Na-
tional Aviation Corporation,
is quoted by the Chinese
press today as stating that
General Sheng Chen, head
of the Chinese Military
Mission in Japan, has been
informed by SCAP that
China's request for the ex-
tension of commercial avia-
tion to Japan has been ac-
cepted in principle.

Dr. Liu left for Nanking
last night to seek the Gov-
ernment's views on the
question of aviation air sup-
ply as well as foreign ex-
change allotments for the
country's commercial air-
lines.—Reuter.

Yacht In Difficulty

Amsterdam, Jan. 25.

A Dutch lifeboat went out to-
night in response to distress signals
from a leaking yacht, believed to
be flying the Chilean flag and
carrying several men and women
of unknown nationality.

The message, picked up by the
Danish steamer Julius (1,975
tons) of Copenhagen, said the
yacht was moored to a light buoy,
11 kilometres north of Terschelling,
and wanted the aid of a pilot

to reach the nearest Dutch har-
bour.

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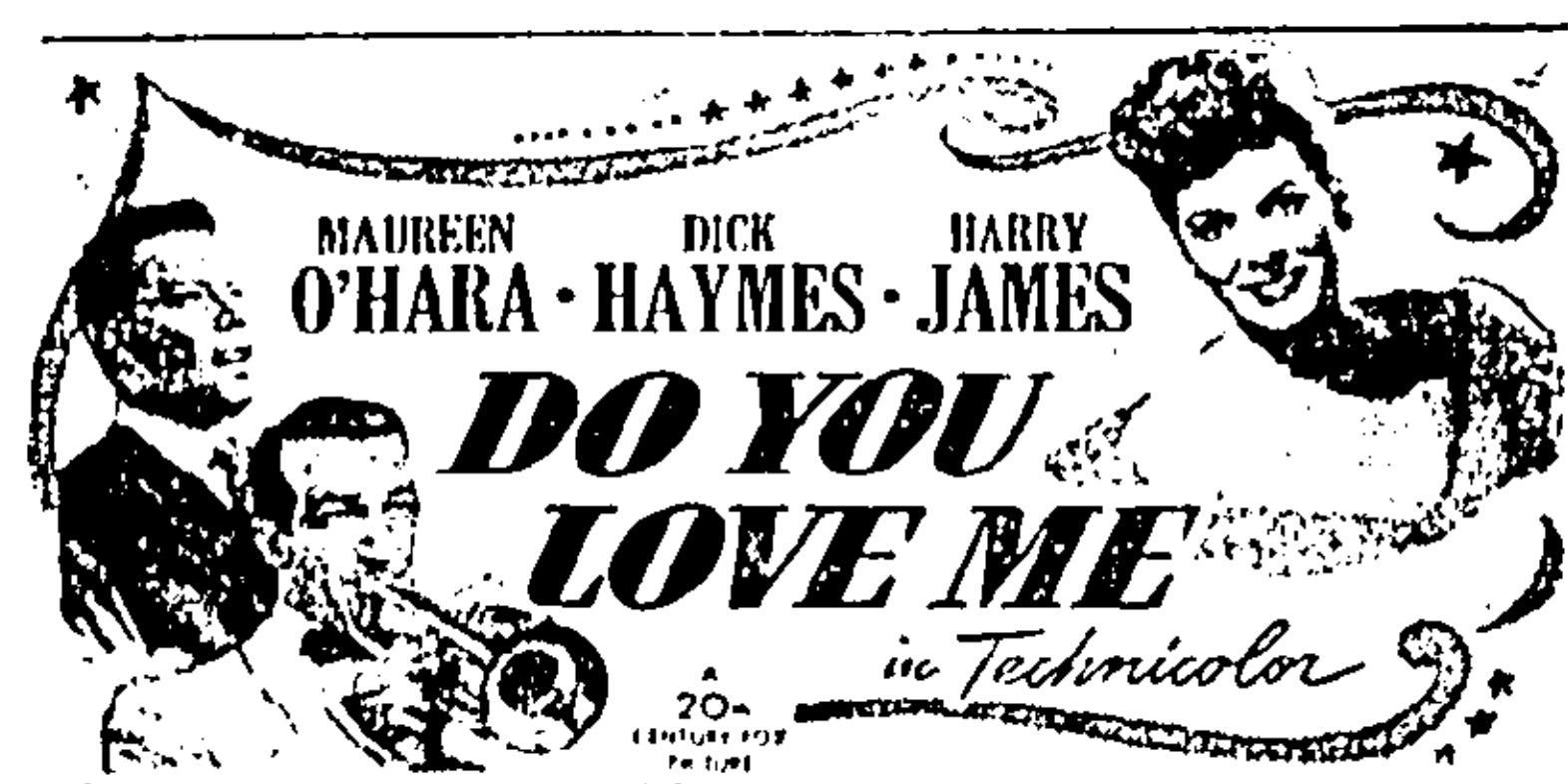
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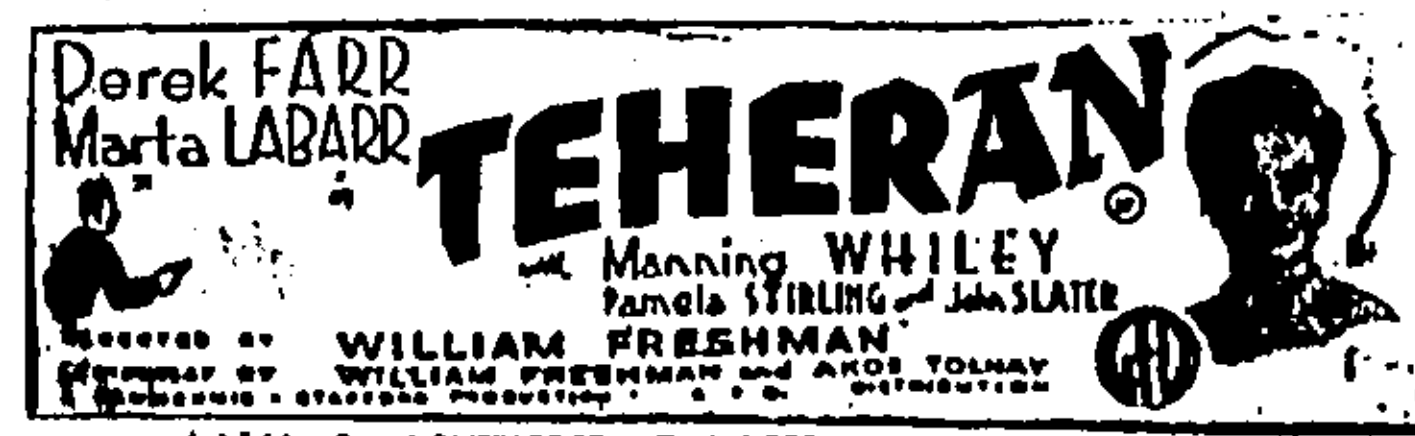
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TALK OF CHANNEL TUNNEL

Demand For Action On Old Scheme To Be Raised In Parliament

London, Jan. 25.

A demand for action on the proposal to construct a £65,000,000 Channel tunnel between Britain and France will be made to Parliament before the present Government ends its term of office in 1950.

Mr. Christopher Shawcross, Chairman of the Parliamentary Tunnel Committee, indicated his committee's intention to press the matter when he returned to London from meetings with the French Parliamentary Channel Tunnel Committee in Paris.

The joint Anglo-French committee will meet in London next month to study plans of the proposed 32-mile long tunnel, which would link Folkestone with Cap Gris Nez.

Mr. Shawcross said the British General Staff was maintaining its long-standing objection to the plan. "It would be fair to say that had there never been any military ob-

Political Angle

The British Government should look not only at the financial aspect of the scheme but also at the political effect the tunnel would have in joining Britain directly to Europe. "It is not essential for the establishment of a United States of Europe, including Britain, at least its tremendous influence in the creation and consolidation of that ideal must be obvious."

The last determined British efforts to push the plan through Parliament was defeated by a narrow majority in 1939.

Mr. Shawcross thinks the British and French Governments should consider the possibility of permitting the investment of American private capital in the project.

"I believe American investors should be given a chance to risk their capital in this project," he declared.

"I feel, however, the two Governments should be adequately safeguarded on the following matters."

1.—The provision of the necessary materials, such as steel from America.

2.—The provision of such machinery as could not be profitably obtained from Britain.

3.—Anglo-French governmental control of the company's directorate.

4.—Anglo-French governmental control of fares and of freight through the tunnel.

Military Objections

Of the military objections to the tunnel, Mr. Shawcross said: "Sapping is one of the oldest forms of overcoming an enemy's defences. The soldier instinctively dislikes it."

"It is not cricket, and there is general dislike of being blown up underneath or being assailed by an enemy who suddenly springs up in your midst."

It is estimated that construction of the tunnel would take seven and a half years.—Reuter.

Shanghai Tragedy Of Cold

SHANGHAI, JAN. 26.

SOME 130 CORPSES OF CHILDREN WERE PICKED UP IN THE STREETS OF SHANGHAI YESTERDAY AS SHANGHAI REMAINED IN THE GRIP OF THE COLDEST SPELL THIS WINTER WITH THE TEMPERATURE WELL BELOW FREEZING POINT.

According to the Shanghai Benevolent Society, which will see to the burial of these children, all the deaths were due to exposure.

Local observatory experts predict that the present cold spell will stay for several more days, which news is welcomed by farmers who forecast bumper crops after the occurrence of severe weather at this time of year.—Reuter.

RED MAYOR IN PARIS

Paris, Jan. 25.

M. Leon Salengrue, a Communist, was today elected Mayor of the Paris suburb of Malakoff by 13 votes against nine cast for a nominee of the Gaullist Rally of the French People, two for a Socialist and three for an MRP (Popular Republican) candidate.

The Municipal Council was elected a week ago when the Communists retained their 13 seats and nine of the Gaullists were elected, compared with 10 before.—Reuter.

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BATTLE OF MEDICINE

A big battle has been joined in Britain, and on the outcome the future structure of Britain's health services will depend. So far, the struggle between Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, and the British Medical Association has appeared to most people as a wrangle upon points of detail. The B.M.A., however, complains that on several vital points the Minister has ignored its representations, and on January 31, when a plebiscite organised by the B.M.A. is to take place, the Association will advise its 50,000 members not to participate in the national health service scheme as at present conceived.

Mr. Bevan has a strong case. He is pledged to establish for the population as a whole, irrespective of means, a National Health Service covering the whole field of medical advice and attention, aided by modern science and knowledge. It is essential, in his view, that the sale and purchase of practices among those who join the public service should be abolished. Naturally, the doctors do not like losing a valuable piece of property, and there is much confusion regarding the validity of existing partnership agreements when the Act comes into force on July 5. These are debatable points. The B.M.A., however, suspects that Mr. Bevan is using the confusion as a lever to force doctors to join the health service. This, they say, is contrary to the principle that every doctor is free to join the service as he likes.

Unfortunately for the success of the scheme, the doctors have found other reasons for suspecting Mr. Bevan's good will. They believe that his ultimate object is to make them into Civil Servants under his sole orders. They object to the basic salary of £300 a year, because, they point out, the next step may be to abolish capitation fees in favour of a block salary. Their fundamental objection to this is that a full-time State-salaried doctor would not over his full allegiance to the patient. It is a pity that Mr. Bevan has not seemed more conciliatory over this. His object was a proper one—to provide young practitioners with a living before they started earning capitation fees; but if that was his only object it could have been achieved by other means. Mr. Bevan could also have conceded the doctors' point that they should have the right of appeal to the courts. In the Act as it now stands the Minister is the final arbiter, and the doctors fear that if a full-time medical service ever came to be established they would be entirely at the mercy of the State for their living, without any higher appeal.

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VIVAT REGINA.
Syme and others v. "Louis."—Mr. Duddell is instructed to sell by Public Auction on Thursday, at noon by order of the Marshal of the Vice-Admiralty Court, the Barque "Louis," as she lies in this

In this, The second instalment of his despatches on Malaya's fall, Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, former Commander-in-Chief, Far East, continues the story of our unpreparedness in 1941.

JAPAN'S ATTACK ON SINGAPORE

"The possibility of an advance into the Kra Isthmus in order to hold a position north of Hand Yai junction was considered soon after the formation of General Headquarters in the Far East. Detailed plans for carrying out this operation were prepared and the code word 'Matador' was eventually given to it. It was from the start realised that an essential feature of this operation was the forestalling of the Japanese on a position near Singora.

"This necessitated at least a 24 hours start before the Japanese landed and the rapid movement of our force once the order was given.

"It was realised all along that if these conditions could not be fulfilled then the Matador operation would be impracticable. The psychological value of an offensive movement at the start of war and the possibility of thereby upsetting the Japanese plans were fully realised but had to be weighed against the fact that we should be leaving prepared ground with which troops were familiar, and that, unless we forestalled the enemy, the fighting would be in the nature of an encounter battle, possibly against superior numbers.

"Up to Dec. 5, 'Matador' was not carried out without reference to the War Cabinet but on that date a telegram was sent to the effect that I could order it without reference to London in either of the following contingencies:

(a) If I had information that the Japanese expedition was advancing with the apparent intention of landing on Kra Isthmus or

(b) If the Japanese violated any other part of Thailand (Siam).

Aerodromes

"It meant first having a sufficient number of aerodromes to make use of for the mobility of aircraft for concentrating a large proportion of our squadrons in any given area.

"Secondly, choosing sites as far forward as practicable so as to enable us to reach out the maximum distance, both for reconnaissance and for offensive operations. This was particularly important in the case of attacks on Japanese convoys in order to ensure having sufficient time to carry out more than one attack before they reached our coast.

"The total number of aerodromes prepared was based on the figure of 336, the initial equipment of aircraft, and since this figure was never reached we had in some areas more aerodromes than we were able to use, the surplus being a liability rather than an asset. The forecasts of the development of our air strength were admittedly uncertain, but in view of the long time taken to construct an aerodrome in Malaya, we could not afford to wait until we knew definitely that more aircraft were coming. Army dispositions were largely influenced by the necessity for protecting Royal Air Force aerodromes.

Deficiency

"As events turned out, owing to the weakness of the RAF at the time the war started, the defence of Malaya devolved largely upon the army, which meant that the sites for aerodromes were not always most suitable for operations as they were actually carried out.

"But it was impossible to have foreseen this since no one could have known in advance when the Japanese would start war.

"In December 1940, there was a serious deficiency in ammunition, especially for 4.5 and 3.7 anti-aircraft guns and in reserves for ordnance stores which were only sufficient for 90 days instead of 180. Anti-tank weapons and mines, three-inch mortars and ammunition were also short.

"Aircraft bombs at this time were also quite insufficient to allow for expected expansion and up to the autumn of 1941, 5 ammunition for Buffaloes was difficult to obtain in adequate quantity.

"By December 1941, some of these deficiencies had been made good.

Harbour, with her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture. At the same time, on board the "Louisa," will be sold her Boat, a lot of Water Casks, 2 Cannons, etc. The "Louisa" was built of hardwood at Chittagong, is of 137 tons burden, Coppered to her Beams, and may be fitted out for Sea at a trifling outlay. Further particulars in Handbills.

"One of the steps taken to discourage the Japanese from starting war was to emphasise the growing strength of our defences in Malaya.

"The Chiefs of Staff stated in May 1941 that they saw no objection to this policy and we were aided by directions from the Ministry of Information in London to their representative in Singapore.

Scheme Ready

"The method adopted did not consist merely in extensive advertising of any reinforcements; sometimes when these were obvious they were given only small notice in the papers or broadcast.

"On the other hand, when reinforcements of Royal Air Force personnel arrived, they were merely referred to as the Royal Air Force and no mention was made of the fact that no aeroplanes were with them.

"It is doubtful if the effect was great but it was probably not negligible.

"In interviews with press correspondents whom I could trust, I made no secret of the fact that shortage of aeroplanes caused me great anxiety, but I warned them that they were on no account to mention it in their papers. A similar attitude was adopted with regard to tanks of which we had none when war broke out.

"A scheme was prepared early in 1941 in the event of an invasion of Malaya and necessary instructions were issued. This scheme was directed principally to destruction or removal of everything that might facilitate movement of the invading forces.

Families

"It included such things as removal of foodstocks or their dispersal amongst villages, destruction of any form of repair workshop as well as demolition of bridges and removal or destruction of all forms of vehicle or boat.

"The plan did not envisage a complete 'scorched earth' policy. For instance, in the case of tin mines, it was only laid down that essential parts of the machinery of dredges were to be removed and brought away.

"The problem of British families in Singapore and Malaya generally was somewhat involved.

"Apart from 50 women's Royal Naval Service at the Naval Wireless Station and a number of nurses, many women were employed in different services for clerical, cipher and other duties including intelligence work, in the Far Eastern combined bureau. Had all these been sent away it would have meant a large increase in the number of men absorbed. As it was we were short of women to fill suitable posts and thus relieve the men for the fighting units.

Hurried

"On the other hand, the presence of large numbers of women and children led in January 1942 to a hurried evacuation, with the consequent loss of personal belongings and discomfort, and later, to casualties.

"The relations between services and civilian communities were better up-country than in Singapore.

"The view in the Colonial Office was that rubber and tin output was of greater importance than the training of local forces; for instance a telegram dated December 31, 1940 to the Governor states 'the ultimate criterion for exemption should be not what the General Officer Commanding considers practicable but what you consider essential to maintain the necessary labour management'.

"In their paper of Staff 15, 1940, the Chiefs of Staff estimated the air strength necessary for the Far East as 688 frontline aircraft to which, of course, had to be added reserves.

"In the Singapore conference of October 1940 the final strength of the Royal Air Force recommended for the Far East was 582 aircraft, an increase of 16 over that given in an appreciation dated October 16, 1940. The Chiefs of Staff agreed that 582 aircraft was an ideal but considered that 226 should give a very fair degree of security. The figure of 508 aircraft was given in the appreciation and was stated by the Air Ministry to be far beyond the bounds of practical

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Think, madam—if you had one of these one-way glass lookouts in your front door, I wouldn't be here taking up your valuable time!"

He Gave The Reds Their Blueprint

In 1948 Communism made its first bid for power. Will it make its last in 1948?

The struggle has already gone some distance. All last year it sharpened and deepened in Germany, France, Italy and Greece. At Christmas, season of good will, the Marxists, in Britain, Field-Marshal Harry Politt gave up skirmishing with

tell you more about Communism than you will learn in many a library.

It is called "The Red Prussian" (Hamish Hamilton, 16s.). The author is Leopold Schwarzschild, whose brilliant books have been praised by Mr. Churchill.

The subject, Karl Marx. Was he a giant genius? Or merely a monster fraud?

Venerated, hated, dreaded, doubted, damned—you cannot escape Karl Marx. His shadow falls across the world.

Not one of 10,000 of his disciples has ever ploughed through the Bible of Marxism—the massive tomes of Das Kapital.

But his Shorter Catechism, the Communist Manifesto, written by Marx and Friedrich Engels in London a century ago, has been the battle-cry of the fur bloodiest civil wars in Europe in the same hundred years—the revolutions of 1848, the Paris Commune of 1871, the Bolshevik uprising of 1917, and the Spanish Revolt of 1936-39.

What did the man teach? The book is a series of fairy stories about heroes. It is the ferocious struggle of classes for economic power.

Says Marx: The medieval barons exploited their serfs. The merchant princes rose on the ruins of feudalism. The manufacturers in turn displaced the merchants.

Now the modern monopolist is crushing out the individual industrialist and retail trader. Only one class has yet to come to power—the last, the wage-earners.

Their turn is inevitable, claims Marx. They can't help it, even if they would. The "iron laws of economics," which he professed to have discovered, compel it.

According to Marx, human destiny is imprisoned in economic forces, and guided by materialist motives.

The more productive capitalism becomes, the greater the investment of capital in new machinery; the fiercer the competition for markets to find profits for the investments; the swifter the growth of labour-saving machines; the lower the wages pool, the wider the gulf between production and consumption, the vaster the armies of unwanted labour, the greater the misery of the ever-increasing propertyless "proletariat."

Marx's language towards opponents or the mildest critics was blistering.

"Liar," "liar," "swindler," "scoundrel," "bourgeois scum," "social black," "bourgeois scum," ... was the coin he used for controversy. His disciples have studied this part of the curriculum all right. This is the etymology of our present "Fascist beast," "capitalist cannibal," etc., etc.

He gave Communism other weapons besides The Lie: (i.) The International Party Purge; (ii.) The Popular-Front-with-allied-parties technique; and (iii.) The infiltration-into-other-parties trick.

Both much respected Jewish partisans in the Third Reich, he feared at Jews. Russians he loathed, French he despised. The British he thought were hopeless hypocrites.

Almost the whole of his chaotic life Marx went on prophesying that the "Social Revolution" would arrive tomorrow. It had to! The increasing misery of those ever-increasing "oppressed proletarians" would see to that!

What happened instead was that social standards steadily improved; wages rose; hours of labour went down; the pool of the propertyless proletariat grew smaller, and so did the army of the unemployed.

Eventually the Revolution took place—in the one country, Marx considered that it could not be Russia!

But for the Communist doctrine all this proves nothing. Marx was still right! He's bound to be tomorrow! The Red Prussian! you'll certainly hope that Marx's tomorrow will be again postponed.

By Frank Owen

Transport House and launched the British section of Stalin's international column in full assault on the Labour Party positions.

Then Labour's generalissimo, Mr. Clement Attlee, issued his Order of the Day. It took up the Pollitt challenge, defied it, and undertook to beat the hell out of Harry and all his Marxist worriers.

To cover his right flank Attlee also dropped a few bombs on the Tory camp. Everybody knows, however, that this is merely a diversion. The main attack is to the Left.

It should now be evident at last that there is a great deal more in common between Socialists of the Attlee-Cripps stamp and Tories of the Churchill-Eden school than between Attlee's Cabinet and Pollitt's Communists.

This fundamentally Liberal country under the harness of Socialist controls, if the Tories came in, however, there would be causing about "Whitehall interference" too.

But if the Communists (with some of their disreputable and dishonest camp-followers) came in—Phew! We would really feel the whip across our backs.

Today, at a most apposite time, there appears a book which will

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

GO RIGHT UP WITH IT

Playing "second hand low" is just as useless in some situations as playing "third hand high" is in others. In place of those old Whist rules of play, there is a better one for contract bridge, which may be phrased in a variety of ways. It may be expressed in a single word, "think," or in a compound word, "horse sense," or in three words, "use your brain." No matter what you call it, the general idea is the same. It consists of figuring out what play seems most likely to benefit your side, or which threatens the least damage.

S. A. J. 8 2
H. J. 9
D. A. K. 10 3
C. 7 3 2

S. 9 6
H. Q. 7 6 4
D. 8 4
C. A. K. 9 5

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spade 9. Everybody covered that, the J, Q and K showing. South led the diamond 2 to the K, then the heart J, which went through to the Q.

West led the spade 6 to the A, and the heart 9 went through when East held up his A. Now the club 2 was led and East, remembering the "second hand low" idea, put on his 6, which later cost him side a trick.

The 10 on this forced the K and West sent back the diamond 9 to the Q.

The diamond A and 10 were collected and the club 7 led. East, with only the Q, had to play it. He had the heart A left to score, also the spade 10-7; he cashed the 10, but then had to lead to the dummy's spade 8 for the final trick. If East had used the Q on the first club trick, his side could have had three tricks in that suit instead of two, and would have beaten South one more.

That play could not have cost his side a thing, and could have gained. Nothing to lose, something to win—that's always a good idea.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. Q. 8 4
H. A. K. 7 4
D. 8 5 4
C. K. J. 5

S. J. 9 5 3
H. 10 6 5 2
D. 7
C. Q. 7 5 2

S. A. K. 10
H. 5 2
D. Q. 8 3
C. J. 2

S. 7
H. J. 9
D. A. Q. 10 9 6 3
C. A. 10 6 4

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable).

If East starts with 1-spade and normal bidding ensues, should he thereafter do anything except pass?

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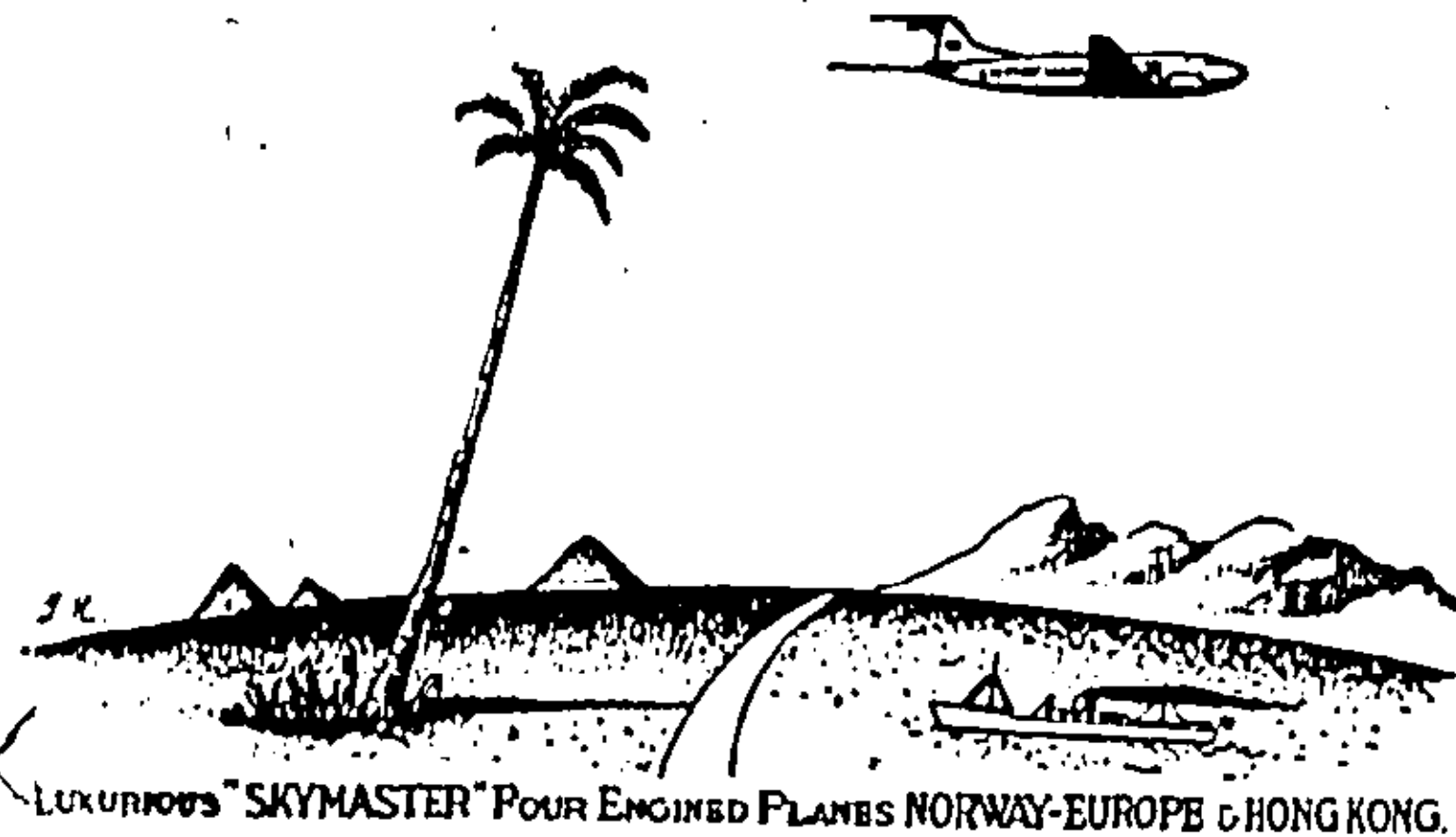
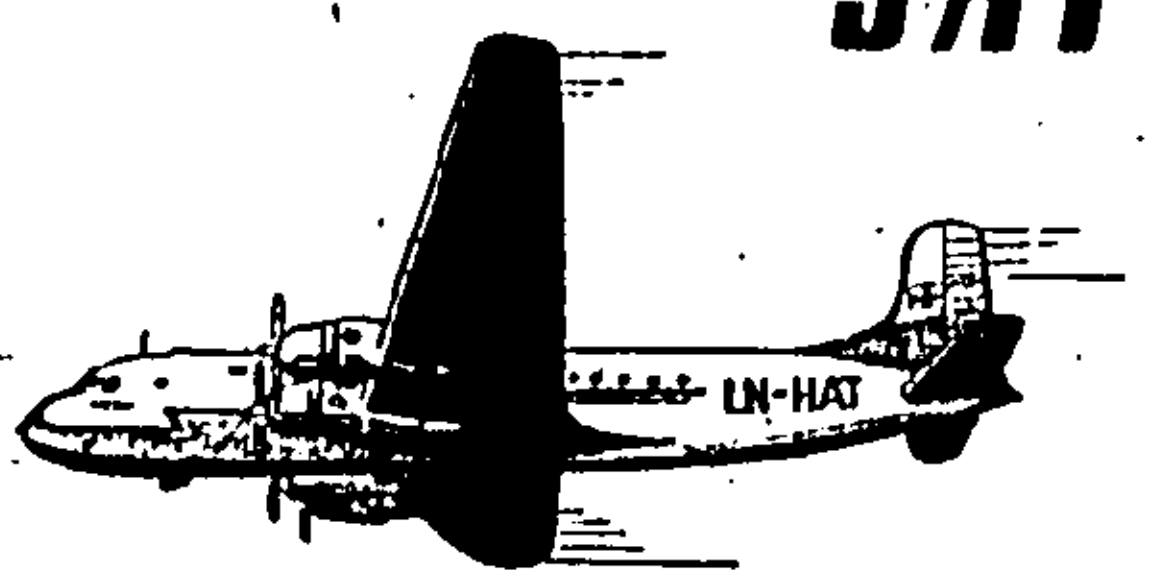
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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Republican Party Opens Campaign

"Shooting War" In March

Washington, Jan. 25. The national leaders of the Republican Party gathered in Washington in the latter part of January, formally to open their campaign to oust President Truman and the Democratic Administration at the Presidential election in November.

Their meeting marked the opening of the Republican Party campaign — as distinct from the campaign of individual Republicans aimed at persuading the Republican Party to nominate them as the Party's candidates for the Presidency at the Party Convention in June.

To backers of each candidate, this meeting was an opportunity for canvassing supporters; but the main object of the meeting was to plan a nationwide Republican campaign as such.

So far as the voters are concerned, the "shooting war" will start in March, when the Republican voters in New Hampshire elect their representatives to the National Convention and have to choose between the supporters of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Governor Thomas Dewey, of New York, former Governor Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, and if his supporters decide to enter him Senator Robert Taft, of Ohio.

As the battle opens, the field looks something like this:

Democratic South

The winning candidate must capture a majority of the electoral votes of the 48 states, or at least 266 out of 531 votes.

The Democrats, whose candidate is expected to be President Truman, start out with the certainty of having 123 electoral votes in their favour, that is, the votes of the states of the solid and traditionally Democratic South — Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

They are equally certain of the state of Rhode Island.

The Republicans are almost certain to have 65 electoral votes from the solidly Republican states where they are at present in complete control of the Congressional delegation and the local legislative—Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Nebraska, Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Sentenced To Death

Belgrade, Jan. 25. The Yugoslav People's Court at Skopje today sentenced to death four out of 17 members of an alleged terrorist and spy organisation. Thirteen were sentenced to penal servitude for life.

They were convicted of trying to prevent the Turkish population of Macedonia from participating in the wartime liberation movement and of having helped the occupation forces and their collaborators.

Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, said the accused confessed to having gathered, after the liberation, strictly confidential information which they passed to the Turkish Consul at Skopje and to a foreign Ambassador in Belgrade.

They also confessed, the agency said, to organising a terrorist group and making preparations to join with Greek "monarcho-Fascists" to take part in armed resistance in case of foreign intervention in Yugoslavia. — Reuter.

"REX" BEING BROKEN UP

Trieste, Jan. 26. The Yugoslavs today resumed work of dismantling the former luxury liner Rex beached in the Bay of Capodistria, 15 miles south of here in the Yugoslav zone of the Free Territory.

Originally started a year ago, the demolition work was suspended in October last after a series of Italian protests.

A tugboat and pontoon were tied today to the liner which was struck by Allied bombs during the war in preparation for reported completion of the work. — United Press.

"Message Of Peace" From Pontiff

Vatican City, Jan. 25. The Pope today decided to send a special "message of peace" to all the peoples of the world—irrespective of creed or nationality—in his own handwriting, it was learned authoritatively.

In a special private audience granted to the London photographer, David Waddington, who took the first colour photograph of the Pope last month, Pius XII consented to write a personal message, a facsimile of which will be sent by radio-photographic transmission.

The message will be put on the air from Rome on Tuesday morning and from London on Tuesday afternoon. Great importance is attached to the message in Catholic circles here as

it is the first time that the Pope has officially addressed the world's people.

He will call on all peoples to direct all their energies towards achieving "peace and goodwill among men."

The message, which is written in English, will also form the frontpiece of a book entitled "Great Men," containing the lives of those who have worked for the betterment of the world. — Reuter.

NORTH CHINA PETITION

Nanking, Jan. 26. President Chiang Kai-shek is expected to receive this morning a delegation from North China who have come to petition the Government for emergency aid to relieve the critical North China industrial and economic crisis.

Composed of five members, the delegation represents all leading industrial and economic enterprises in North China. — Reuter-AAP.

Third-Rate Thriller?

Moscow, Jan. 25.

Pravda today described "Pravda M"—the alleged Communist plan for subversion in the Ruhr which has been pronounced authentic by the British Foreign Office—as "a gross and stupid forgery" copies from the pages of a "third-rate thriller."

Bravda said the document had been published "to justify the repress which is being practised against the democratic movement in Germany" (possibly a reference to the banning of the German People's Congress meetings in West Germany).

All signs indicate that one can expect in the near future the publication of a whole series of similar forgeries. — Reuter.

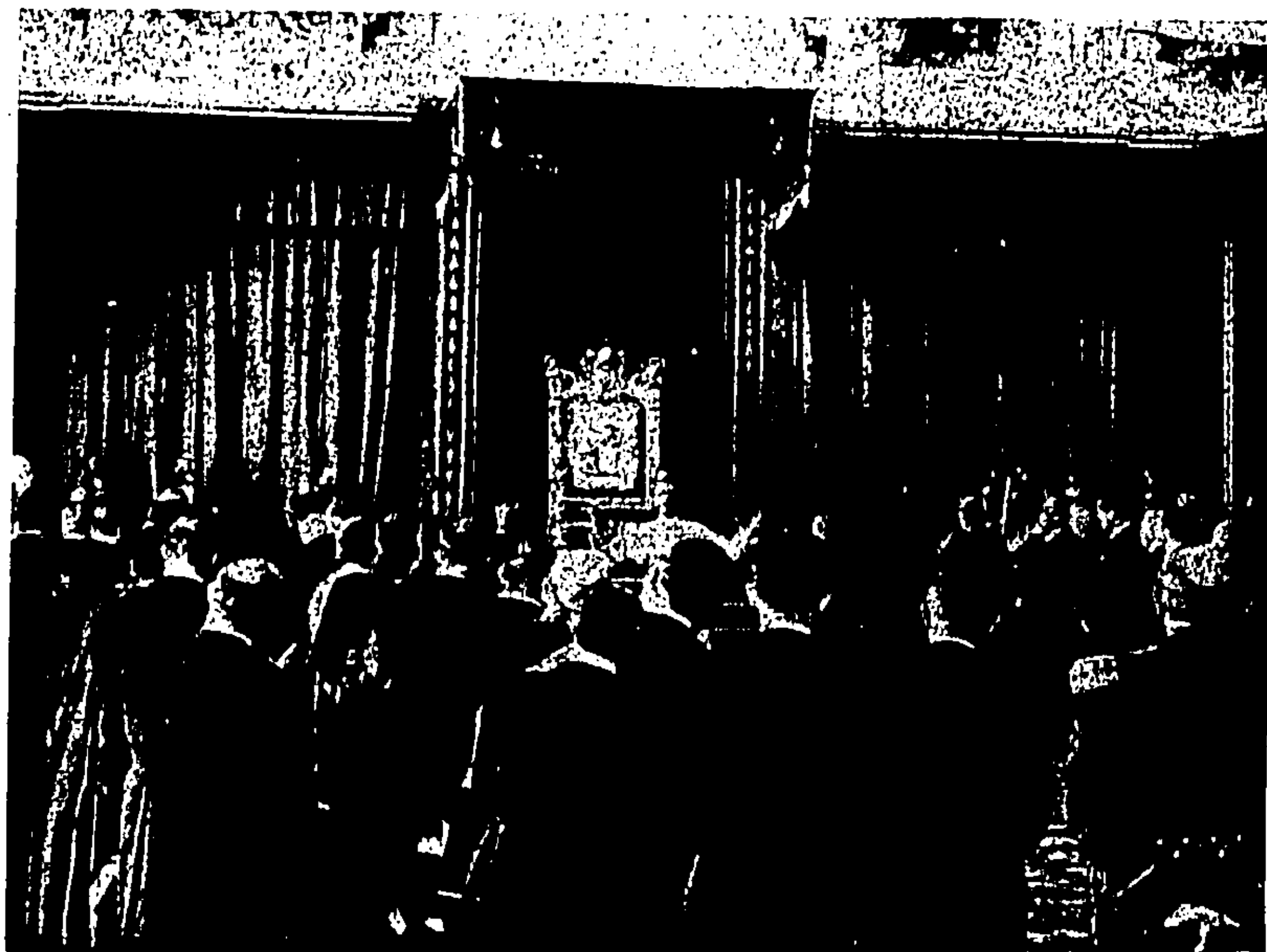
Winston's "Act Of Faith"

ROME, JAN. 26. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL VATICAN NEWSPAPER, "OBSERVATORE ROMANO," SAID TODAY THAT IF RUSSIA REALLY DOES NOT WANT WAR, SHE CANNOT REFUSE AN OPPORTUNITY OF IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS TO AVOID ONE.

In a front page editorial on the statements about united Western Europe by the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, and the Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, the newspaper said the latter's speech was an "act of faith—one of those which can remove mountains."

"In our case," it continued, "it can remove blocs. If it is true that they (the Russians) do not want war, which is regarded as a characteristic of the Communist world in contradistinction to the capitalist world, an understanding cannot be excluded in advance."

The editorial explained that both blocs show they are based on political and economic needs with various states but they must free themselves of the economic needs and of the "threat of war as a cohesive force" otherwise they will reach the point of believing in the Latin axiom, "Your death is my life." — United Press.



Here is a general view of Pope Pius XII (standing in front of throne) addressing diplomats accredited to the holy see in the consistory hall of the Apostolic Palace. — (A.P. Photo).

Woolton Attacks Labour Policy

London, Jan. 25. Lord Woolton, Chairman of the Conservative Party, last night accused the Labour Government of paving the way for totalitarianism.

In a national broadcast on behalf of his party, Lord Woolton said he believed that "however good the intentions of our present Socialist leaders, we are paving the way surely and swiftly for a form of totalitarianism—call it what you will—under which there will be no individual life worth living."

"The Socialists," he said, "are round the corner," he added, "I tell you in plain language that unless we stop this fooling around with directions and edicts, it is not recovery but bankruptcy, or, at best, living on charity that is around the corner."

The individuals of the British people were hemmed in by 25,000 controls, the Conservative leader declared.

"We shall never get a healthy trade that can face American competition by curtailing and controlling production for the home market," he said.

Referring to young Britons—"just ordinary young men and women eager to put their savings into the building up of industry"—who were leaving the country for lack of opportunity, Lord Woolton said: "We need these people here: they are a race of pioneers."

"The spirit of the race demands room for expansion and you do not get it in directed and nationalised industries."

The Conservatives would leave commerce as far as possible free from restrictions.

Lord Woolton, who was Britain's wartime Food Minister, said he would risk ending some rationing in Britain. "I believe we could do without bread rationing," he declared. — Reuter.

U.S. PURCHASING POWER

New York, Jan. 26. Purchasing power at present available in the United States to buy the current output of goods amounts to US\$275,000,000,000 compared with about US\$80,000,000,000 in 1940, a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System said.

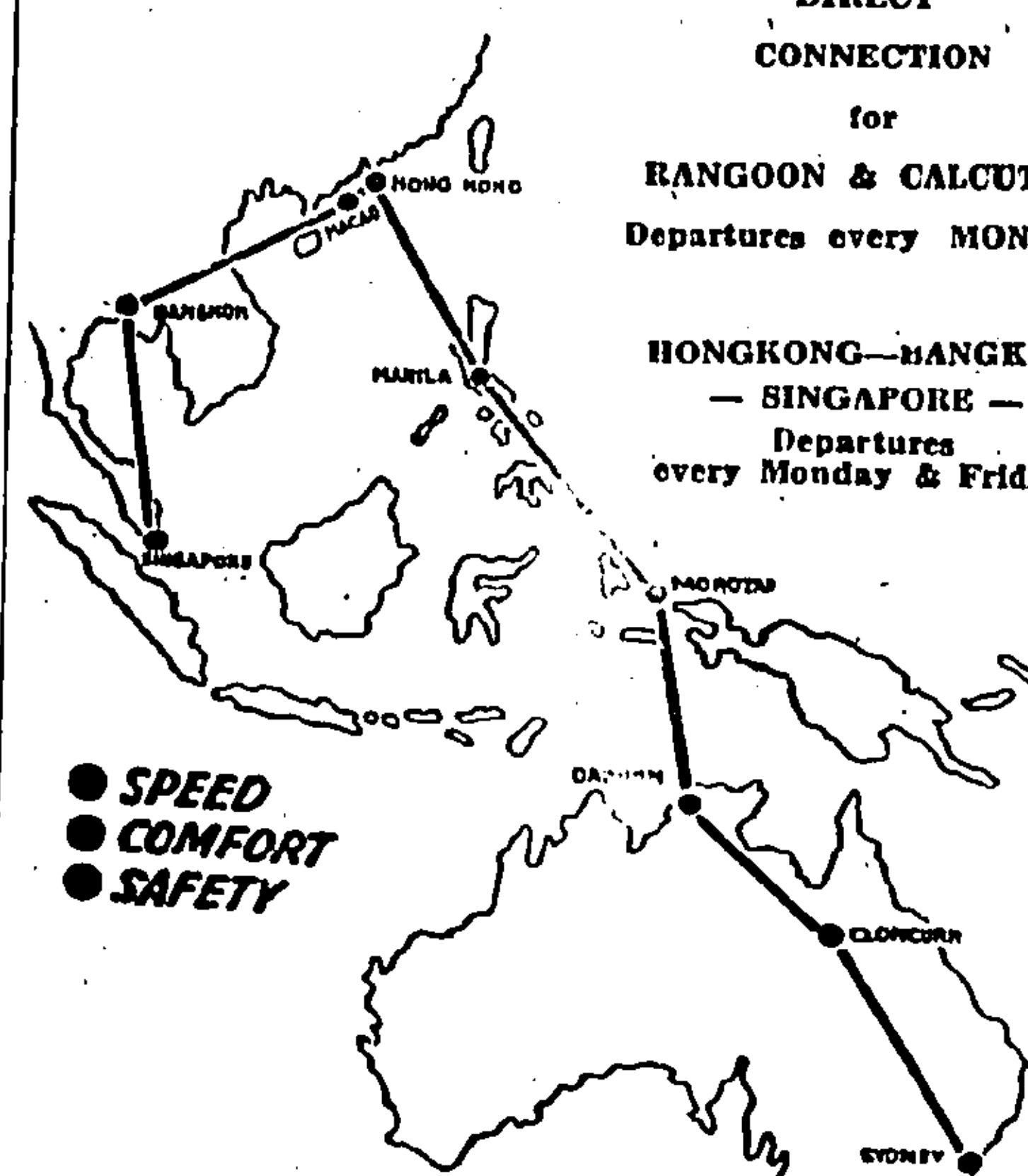
He said the increase in the public debt during the war was a major factor in creating an inflationary excess of purchasing power over available goods. — Associated Press.

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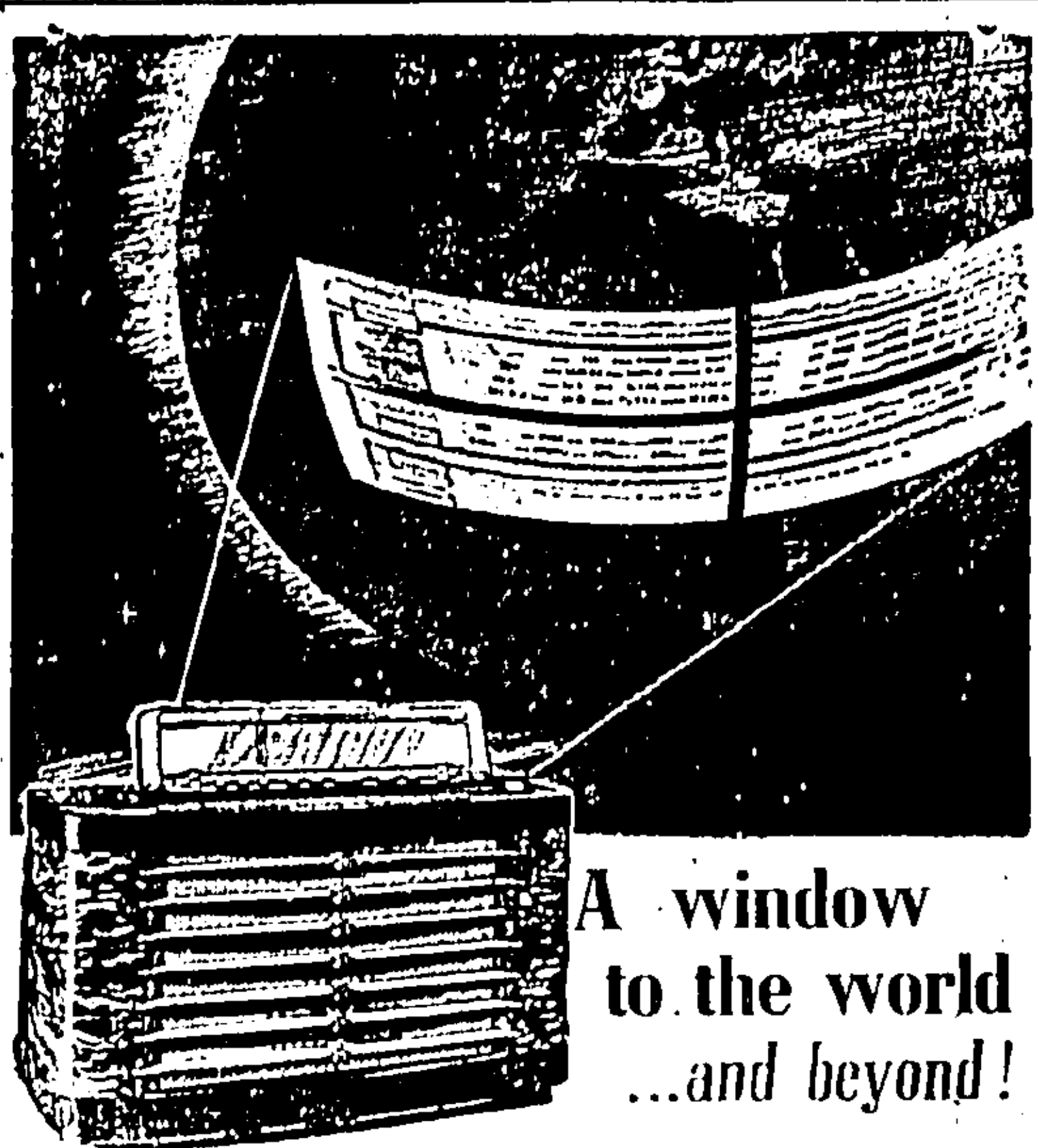
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PARIS DEVALUES THE FRANC

Free Market In Gold To Be Set Up Rules Laid Down For Exporters

Paris, Feb. 25.
France tonight announced a new franc rate of 214,392 to the dollar. The sterling rate will be 864 francs to the pound as expected. Within a few days a free market in gold and certain hard currencies will be established. At the beginning, it was officially stated today, the only hard currencies to be dealt in will be the United States dollar and the Portuguese escudo. Other currencies may be admitted to the free market as time goes on, it was authoritatively stated.

Exporters will surrender half the foreign exchange at the official rate and will be allowed to dispose of the other half in the free market. To purchase currencies in the free market, it will be necessary to act through approved agents and to be in possession of an import licence or an equivalent currency certificate. Everybody will be free to sell foreign exchange in the free market.

France's announcement of an 80 per cent increase in the purchasing power of all foreign currencies against the franc, as from tomorrow, coincided with a joint Anglo-French statement regarding the disagreement between the two nations.

A French communiqué, announcing the devaluation of the currency and the establishment of a free market in United States dollars and Portuguese escudos, stated tonight that the following decisions had been taken:

80 Per Cent

1.—The rates at which the Exchange Stabilisation Fund will buy or sell foreign currencies against francs will, as from Jan. 26, 1948, be increased by a premium.

The new rates of the franc will thus be 214,392 for one dollar and 864 francs for one pound sterling. The parities of the Metropolitan franc in relation to the other currencies of the franc zone will not be modified, except in regard to the franc of the French territories of the Pacific as well as the French rupee.

Free Mark?

2.—Alongside the official market, there will be immediately established a free market in which the United States dollar and the Portuguese escudo can be quoted. The characteristics of the free market will be the following:

(a)—The market will be supplied by one half of the produce of exports, the other half being added to the Exchange Stabilisation Fund on the basis of the rates adopted by it; by the total of the currencies from any other source, particularly currencies

coming from non-commercial settlements, currencies corresponding to movements of capital from abroad into France, and currencies from foreign tourists.

Usual Conditions

(b)—The resources (in foreign currencies) of the market can be used as follows: for payment of imports of merchandise, except for certain special categories of imports considered as essential. The currency required for the payment of these latter imports will continue to be delivered by the Exchange Stabilisation Fund at the rate adopted by it for all other settlements or movements of capital from France abroad, except for certain payments by the State.

(c)—The market thus defined will be a free market in this sense that the rate of the currencies dealt in will be established freely by the law of supply and demand. The monetary authorities will only see to it on the one hand that all the currencies are effectively so delivered, and on the other that only purchases are effected which correspond to payments authorised by the Foreign Exchange Control Office on the customary conditions, namely, as far as imports are concerned, against the delivery of licences.—Reuter.

SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION

Canberra, Jan. 26.
Members of the Australian Antarctic expedition will sail from Melbourne on Feb. 6 in the "Wyatt Earp" to resume their investigations. External Affairs Minister Herbert V. Evatt announced.

The refitted ship will go to the little known Halley Island. A naval LST will take 15 scientists to Macquarie Island for winter observations at the end of February.—Associated Press.

Joint Anglo-French Communiqué Issued

Paris, Feb. 25.

The following joint communiqué was issued here tonight by the French and British Governments:

"M. René Mayer, the Minister of Finance, exchanged views in London on Jan. 16 and 17 with the Chancellor of the Exchequer about the monetary project of the French Government.

"These conversations were continued in the course of the visit which Sir Stafford Cripps made to Paris on Jan. 23 and 24.

"Although the points of view of the two Governments on the matter did not coincide, the conversations which took place in Paris have made clear the frank and intimate character of the relations existing between the two countries.

"The French Government have presented their proposal to the International Monetary Fund at Washington. They have explained that the solution chosen by them is the only one capable of meeting the exigencies of the present economic situation. It does not constitute the intent of the permanent monetary system of France but a step towards the stabilisation of the currency on the basis of a simple exchange rate which is the object of the financial and economic policy of the Government.

"On the British side, objections of the same character as those put forward by the Chancellor of the Exchequer have been presented to the Fund.

Cooperation

"The International Monetary Fund has today published a statement on this subject of which the two governments have taken note.

"The United Kingdom Government associated itself with the statement by the International Monetary Fund. Whatever the differences between the French and British points of view in this matter, the two governments wish to continue their close cooperation in order to ensure that any measure which may be considered necessary in these new circumstances will have only a minimum repercussion on the commercial relations between the sterling and franc areas.

"The two governments have the same objects in view. In the spirit of mutual comprehension, close cooperation between the technical services of the two countries has been decided upon and will begin at once."—Reuter.

THE WHISKERS CLUB

Wink watched while Snow the Crow, disguised as black Roger, accused Roger of being the one who was disguised and commanded Jimmy the guard to take him to the dungeon from which toddlers had just been rescued.

Snow acted the part of Roger well that Jimmy was quite convinced. Jabbing his staff under Roger's collar, Jimmy pushed and prodded until he succeeded in forcing his master through the doorway of the Old Tree.

Pravda Attack On Bevin

LONDON, JAN. 25.

PRAVDA, MOSCOW COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER, SAID TODAY THAT BRITAIN'S NEWLY OUTLINED POLICY OF UNITING WESTERN EUROPE WAS A POLICY OF "SPLITTING EUROPE."

The Pravda article, broadcast by Moscow Radio, said the Western unity plan was backed by the United States because "it would make it easier to rule the semi-colonies acquired in Europe."

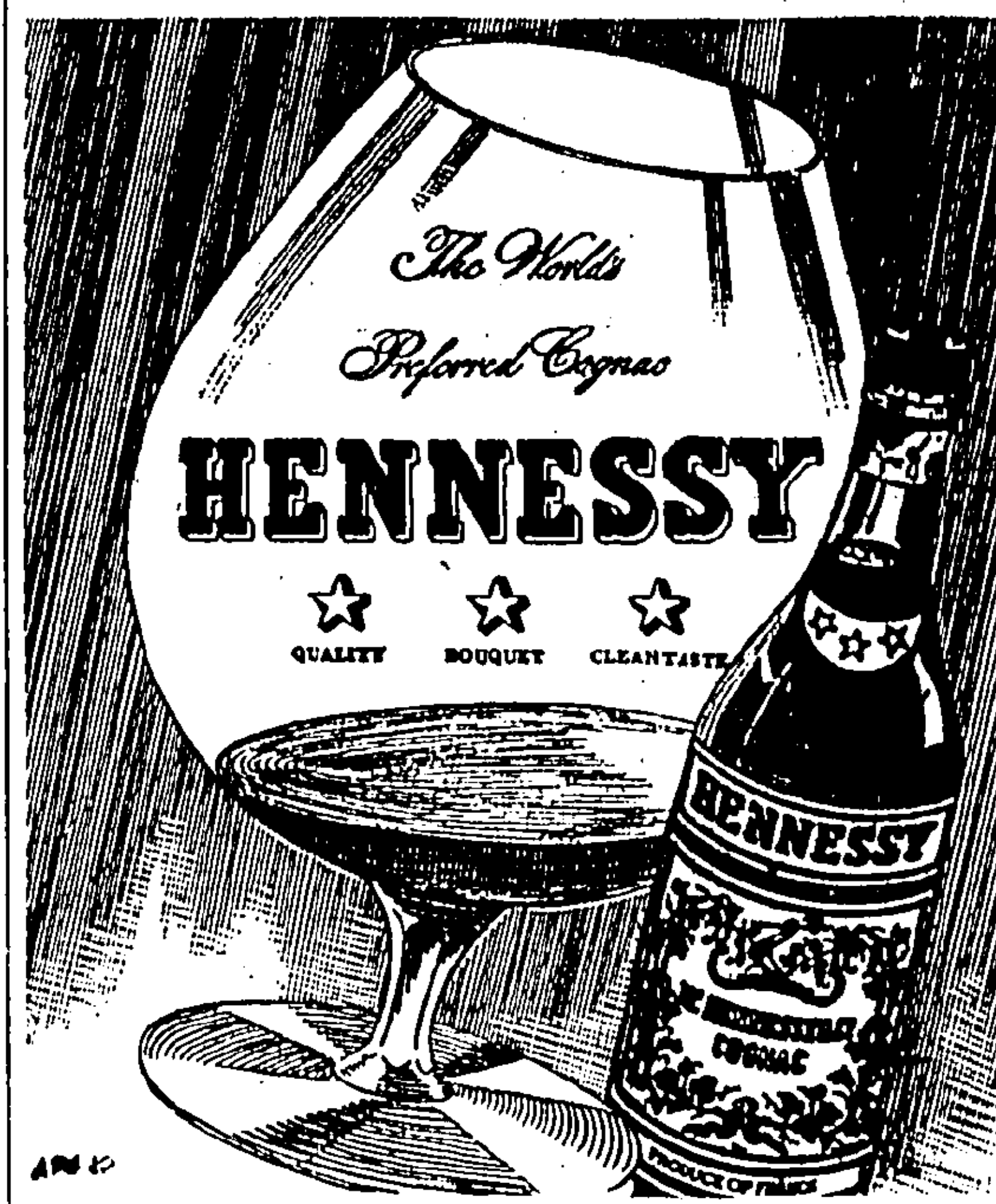
Pravda, organ of the Russian Communist Party's Central Committee, noted that British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, in laying down the plan in the House of Commons on Thursday, referred to the resources of the Western nations' colonies.

"The Western bloc," the paper said, "is conceived by Bevin and his colleagues as a sort of trust of the colonial powers embracing the colonial peoples in its tentacles and sucking the juices out of them."—Associated Press.

COAL FIND IN HUPEH

Nanking, Jan. 26.

The Peace Daily reported that coal deposits estimated at a total reserve of a hundred million tons were discovered in Hupeh province. The Ministry of Economic Affairs is carrying out intensive investigation.—United Press.



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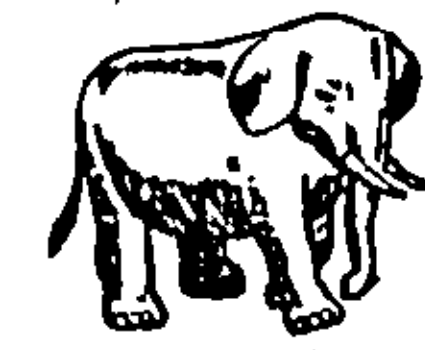


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SOUTH CHINA THREATENED

Foreign Views On Yangtse Fighting

Ultimate Aim Of Operations

Hankow, Jan. 26.
 The slow but thus far unchecked infiltration of Communist units from north of the Yellow River down to the banks of the Yangtze River will engulf all of China in civil war within a year if it continues at the present rate, neutral military observers here asserted.
 They added that on a basis of Gen. Pai Chung-hsi's performance since he took over the Central China Command, there is little reason to believe the Communist movement southward will be checked.

The Communist operations in Central China are aimed ultimately at pushing across the Yangtze to challenge Kuomintang control of southeast China. They characterised the three-fold campaign being waged by Gen. Liu P. chen, Chen Yi and Chen Keng as "unquestionably the most significant military development of the Chinese civil war since the Soviet withdrawal from Manchuria."
 Far from representing a "retreat from Shantung," which was the original interpretation given to the Communist Yangtze campaign by the Government in military spokesmen, these sources pointed out that the Communist operations in Central China have brought another major area into the civil war and have set the stage for large-scale Communist penetration south of the Yangtze into a region hitherto untouched by Red troops.

Red Objective
 Estimates of the number of Communist troops at present operating in the Yangtze Valley vary from 50,000 to 200,000 with the correct figure probably midway between the two. Gen. Liu P. chen has been doing intense and highly successful recruiting in Honan, Hupai and Anhwei and his present force is said to have swelled to twice its original size as a result of new recruits.
 The immediate objective of Gen. Liu's force is believed here to be to cross the Yangtze both east and west of Hankow to isolate the city from coal and iron supplies at Tsuchi, Shui-huang and Huai-nankang, south-east of Hankow, which are vital to the Wuhan cities industry.
 Tsuchi has the only operating iron foundry in Central China

while Huai-nankang is the only available coal source east of Szechwan.

Danger To C.M.R.

With the Yangtze cut and the inevitable cutting of the Hankow-Canton railway, which is bound to occur shortly after the Communists cross the Yangtze, Hankow would be isolated except by air. The Peking-Hankow railway already has been cut at several places between Chenchow and Hankow.

The long-range Communist objective in this area is said to be penetration into Kwangsi and Kwangtung where the Reds are counting on a large number of dissident elements, including two independent armies, to help them pry loose South China from Kuomintang control.

The allegiance to the Kuomintang of Gen. Tsai Ting-kai and Li Chai-sun, both of whom control large independent forces in South China, has always been shaky. They were members of the "Kwangsi clique" which revolted against the Generalissimo in the thirties. It is considered highly possible that they would make a deal with the Communists if the Reds move into South China in large numbers.

Gen. Tani heads the "popular army of Southern Kwangtung" while Marshal Li Chai-sun controls an armed force in Kwangsi known as the "democratic allies army."

The presence of a newly organized anti-Kuomintang group of generals in Hong Kong is another potential ally for the Reds once they strike south of the Yangtze and an additional incentive for them to concentrate on the South China campaign.—United Press.

Overseas Chinese College Of Arts

Shanghai, Jan. 26.
 An institution in honour of the achievements of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and affording special facilities for Overseas Chinese students seeking higher studies in Shanghai will soon open.

To be known as the Overseas Chinese College of Arts and Law, the new institution is being brought into existence with funds contributed by Overseas Chinese leaders from all parts of the world in honour of President Chiang's 60th birthday in 1946 when a nationwide campaign was launched to mark the occasion with contributions to be used for the endowment of educational institutions.

The contributions raised among Overseas Chinese were so large as to enable the creation of an independent sinking new institution.

Among the directors are such well-known figures as Aw Hoon Hui of Tiger Balm fame and Mr. William Gockson, industrial magnate. The chairman of the board is Mr. Liu Po-chun, tin merchant of Malaya, who is a member of the central supervisory committee of the Kuomintang.

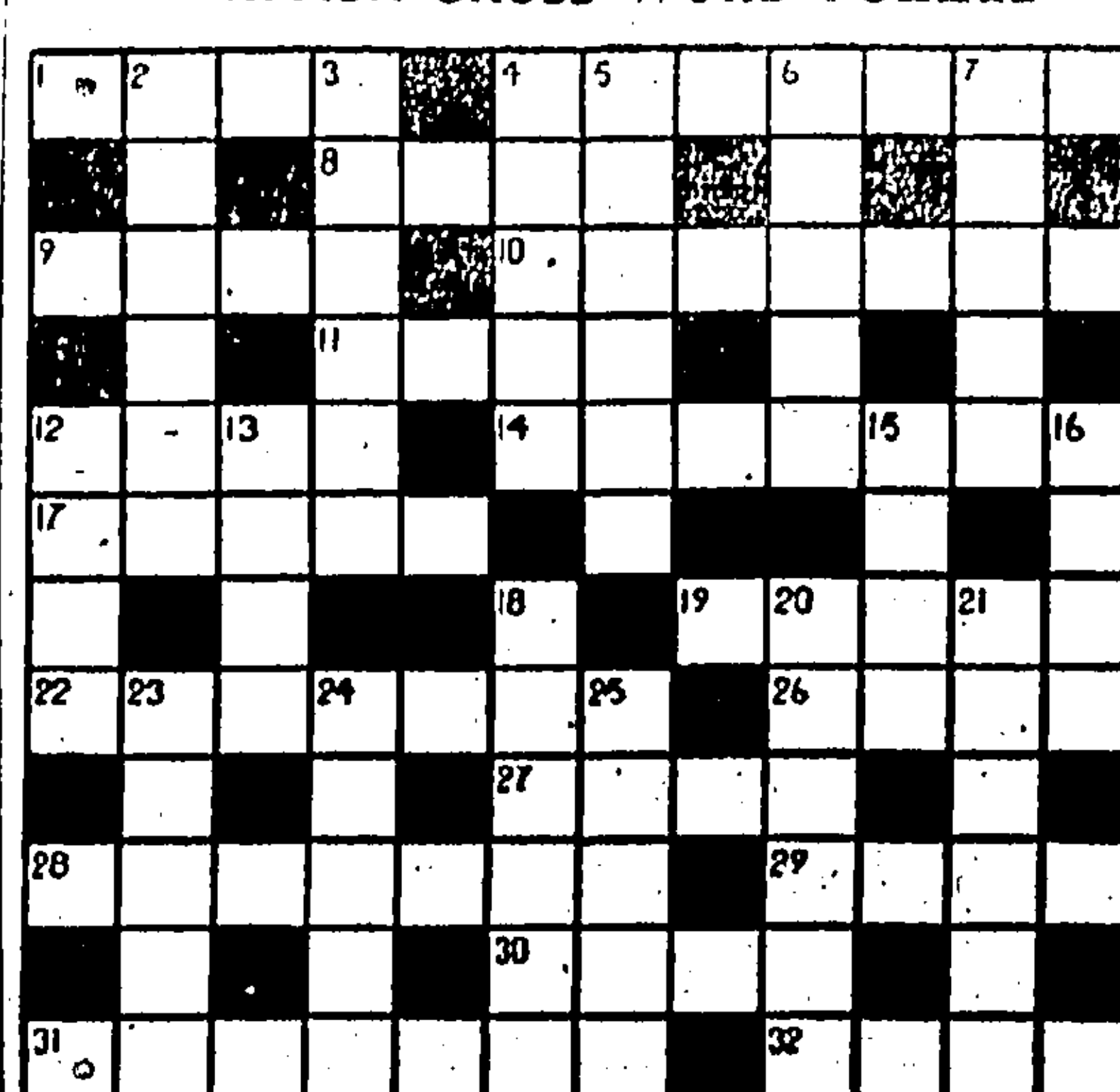
While the college itself will not be ready until next summer, the directors decided to open the middle school, enrolments for which are already being accepted.—Reuter.

GLUBB PASHA IN LONDON

Jerusalem, Jan. 25.
 A Transjordan delegation left for London from Lydda airport on Saturday for talks with Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin on revision of the Transjordan-British treaty.
 Brig.-J.B. Glubb Pasha, Commander-in-Chief of the Arab Legion, is accompanying the delegation.

According to reliable Arab sources changes in the Middle East brought about the British evacuation of Palestine will be discussed.—United Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Cipher.
- 4 Bellowing.
- 8 Burden.
- 9 One of the cats.
- 10 Ship's boat.
- 11 Three-part composition.
- 12 Wire.
- 14 Lady of high rank.
- 17 Commerce.
- 19 Din.
- 22 Gift.
- 26 Commotion.
- 27 Denomination.
- 28 Sofa.
- 29 Loan.
- 30 Nazie.
- 31 Large stone.
- 32 Important part.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1 Danube, 5 Grace, 8 Inure, 9 Savant, 10 Actor, 11 Drone, 12 Rule, 13 Adder, 14 Enter, 15

Submarine's Feat



The submarine H.M.S. "Ambush" (a sister ship of H.M.S. "Alliance" which remained submerged in the South Atlantic for several weeks before surfacing near Freetown, Sierra Leone, some time ago) is shortly proceeding to Arctic waters where an attempt will be made to keep her submerged for several weeks. Pictured here at the conning tower of H.M.S. "Ambush" is Lt. A. G. Davies, DSC, RN (of Tunbridge Wells, Kent) commander of the craft. — (A.P. Photo).

NEW PARTY TRIES TO UNSEAT DE VALERA

Dublin, Jan. 26.
 Sean MacBride, leader of the new Clann Na Poblachta Party, today disclosed his programme which heretofore had been a closely guarded secret.

TOO LENIENT WITH JAPAN?

Nanking, Jan. 26.
 A Foreign Office source said the Chinese Government is closely examining the United States proposal to the Far Eastern Commission for the rehabilitation of Japan.
 The source said that Chinese experts are studying the programme and will submit their opinions to the highest authorities for decision.
 While official sources refused to comment, the Chinese reaction appeared to be belief that the United States proposal is too lenient.—United Press.

MacBride, who expects to bring about the downfall of Mr. Eamon de Valera's Government in the Feb. 4 elections, told the United Press that abolition of Ireland's partition is the ultimate objective of his party.
 The way to win Northern Ireland's six counties from Britain, he said, is through a social welfare programme which would attract the North Ireland population.
 He vigorously denied that his party is seeking trouble with the British Government and insisted that the six Northern counties could be won over by a constitutional approach.

Not Communists
 MacBride called for better working conditions for farmers which he hoped would result in an increased population. He proposed raising the school leaving age from 11 to 16 and to provide free secondary university courses for all.
 MacBride wants decentralization of industry and agriculture and Government Departments. In the cultural sphere he proposed the creation of a national theatre and film industry.
 The pale, thin lawyer who looked tired after a countrywide tour, denied that any Communists are connected with his party and labelled such statements from members of Mr. de Valera's Fianna Fail Party as an attempt to divert the people from the real issues.—United Press.

Moscow Scandal

MOSCOW, JAN. 25.
 THE TRADE NEWSPAPER TRUD REPORTED TODAY THAT VALENTINA MELNIKOVA, PRETTY RUSSIAN ARTIST WHO WORKED FOR A BRITISH-LANGUAGE PUBLICATION, ACCUSED OF SELLING BRITISH CLOTH IN LEAGUE WITH A BRITISH DIPLOMAT, HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON ALTHOUGH SHE IS EXPECTING A BABY IN JUNE.
 The diplomat was Ian W. Samson, 42, Second Secretary at the British Embassy, who was an adviser to the publication.
 According to Trud she and Samson were caught peddling British-made cloth to a Russian. Samson was recalled by the British Foreign Office. Valentina was arrested on Nov. 12.
 Samson said she was appealing against her sentence which also included confiscation of her private property in the Moscow city court.—United Press.

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"TIBESAR"	DUE FROM	SAILING FOR
	Japan	Batavia, Semarang, Soerabaya & Macassar
	20th Jan.	31st Jan.

ORIENT-JAVA-AFRICA LINE		
"Tjitjalengka"	Java ports	Batavia, Semarang, Soerabaya, Macassar
	15th Feb.	17th Feb.

ORIENT-JAVA-AFRICA LINE		
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Due from		
In Port		
Loading for		
Manilla, Singapore		
Mauritius, Lourenco		
Marques, Belra		
Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mosselbay, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro, 12th Feb.		
Sailing 14th Feb.		

Transshipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for Dar Es Salaam, Mombasa & Zanzibar.

STRAAT		
"SOANDA"		
	South America	South Africa
	1st Feb.	2nd Feb.

DELI-STRAITS-CHINA LINE		
Due from		
Sailing for		
Manilla, Singapore		
Belawan, Penang, Singapore		
2nd Feb.		
Sailing for		
Swatow & Amoy		

HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE		
Due from		
Loading for		
Manilla, Singapore, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Genoa, Marseilles, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Oslo		
8th & 9th Feb.		

MOLENKERK		
	In port	Manilla/Singapore/Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Alexandria/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Oslo
	Sailing for	Shanghai & Japan
	29th Jan.	29th Jan.

NEERKERK		
	Europe, Mid Feb.	Manilla/Singapore/Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Alexandria/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Oslo
		early March.

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HENDONHALL		
	Due from	Sailing for
	U.S. Atlantic ports, U.S. Atlantic Coast	U.S. Atlantic ports, U.S. Atlantic Coast
	on or about 9th March.	Ports via Singapore and Suez.

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ARRIVALS		
From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
	16th Feb.	m.v. "MINDORO"
SAILINGS		
From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	30th Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
	16th Feb.	m.v. "DONA NATI"
SAILINGS		
From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	1st Feb.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
	21st Feb.	m.v. "DONA NATI"

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AMERICAN-SOVIET TRADE

Call For Expansion By Ambassador

Complaint Of Discrimination

Washington, Jan. 25.

A call for expanded Soviet-American trade as a step towards better diplomatic relations was made by the new Russian Ambassador to the United States, M. Alekander S. Panyushkin, in Washington today.

M. Panyushkin said the people of both countries were equally interested in bettering these relations.

Accusing the United States Government of blocking trade between the two countries through discriminatory regulations, the new Soviet Ambassador said that American trade regulations against specific instances of alleged discrimination.

Stalin Sacks An Economist

NEW YORK, JAN. 26. PROFESSOR LUCIEN VARGA, THE LEADING SOVIET ECONOMIST HAD BEEN DISMISSED FROM AN IMPORTANT POST AND 20 OTHER SOVIET ECONOMISTS WERE DISGRACED BY A LETTER IN DISGRACE.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, STATING ITS REPORT WAS BASED ON OFFICIAL SOVIET PUBLICATIONS MADE AVAILABLE BY A Russian Marxist economist who wished to remain anonymous, said that Professor Varga formerly Marshal Stalin's personal economic advisor, incurred official disfavor for a book in which he accused Soviet collaboration with Anglo-American capitalism.

As a result of the book's publication, the new Soviet Ambassador to the United States, M. Panyushkin, said that the Soviet Union was determined to develop its own economic system.

Forrestal's Warning

Washington, Jan. 25. Defence Secretary James Forrestal said today that push-button warfare may be years away but this country must be ready all the time and meanwhile mobilize large forces of trained men.

"I firmly believe that universal military training is the only effective democratic means of providing the necessary trained and ready reserves for such an emergency," he said. "In my opinion universal military training is absolutely essential for national safety."

United Press.

SHIP AGROUND

Flushing, Jan. 25. The Argentine steamer Rio Secundo has run aground near Walskorden in the Western Scheldt while on her way to Antwerp. Tugs are assisting her. —Reuter.

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s.s. "TRADE WIND"	Feb. 6	via Manilla	Feb. 7	San Francisco
s.s. "PHILIPPINE BEAR"	Feb. 9	via Shanghai	Feb. 10	San Francisco via Kobe
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CHINA'S RICE RATIONING

Shanghai, Jan. 26. The Social Affairs Commissioner, Wu Kai-shen, announced that the rationing of rice—China's staple diet—will begin in March.

Japanese Woollen Exports

Tokyo, Jan. 26. Anticipating increased imports of raw materials from the United States and Australia, Japan plans to export 2,500,000 yen worth of woollen products to Hong Kong India and South Africa this year.

Curbs On Bank Loans Demanded

Washington, Jan. 25. The Federal Reserve Board today called for sharp anti-inflation measures, including stronger curbs on bank lending.

The Board stated bluntly in its monthly business review that if the inflationary trend continued, it could lead to "severe reaction, unemployment and financial loss" and it called for control of bank credit the basic essential.

Satellites Sign Military Pact

Budapest, Jan. 25. Rumania and Hungary today signed a 20-year friendship and military treaty providing joint military action against any attacking nation.

It was reliably reported that the treaty also commits both Governments to "support and encourage all movements which aim to exclude the instigation of aggression and secure peace all over the world."

Hungarian Premier Lajos Dinnyes signed for Hungary and Rumanian Premier Petru Groza signed for his country.

Groza said the treaty would contribute to the world's peace, but denied that the Danubian

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The market resumed after the weekend on a distinctly improved tone. This was maintained throughout the day with a hardening of prices.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
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S.S. "TAKSANG"	to Shanghai	8th Feb.
S.S. "EMPIRE WITHAM"	to Saigon	10th Feb.
S.S. "WINGSANG"	to Keelung	12th Feb.
S.S. "MAUSANG"	to Sandakan	20th Feb.
S.S. "KUTSANG"	from Calcutta, Chittagong	21st Feb.
S.S. "TAKSANG"	from Calcutta	21st Feb.
S.S. "EMPIRE WITHAM"	from Yokohama, Kobe	21st Feb.
S.S. "WINGSANG"	from Shanghai	21st Feb.
S.S. "LOKSANG"	from Calcutta	21st Feb.

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M.V. "GLENARTNEY"	Loads for London & Continental ports via Straits & Suez about 20th Feb.
M.V. "GLENAPP"	Loads for Casablanca, London and Continental Ports via Straits & Suez early March.
M.V. "MEMNON"	Loads for London & Continental ports via Straits and Suez late March.

ARRIVALS

M.V. "RHEXENOR"	Discharging Hail's Wharf.
M.V. "GLENAPP"	Sailed from London 6th Dec via Suez & Straits for Hong Kong, Shanghai & Kobe due 30th Jan.
M.V. "GLENARTNEY"	Sailed from London 23rd Dec via Suez & Straits due 3rd Feb. Leaves London 3rd Feb. for Port Said, Straits, Hong Kong & Shanghai.
M.V. "GLENARTNEY"	Leaves London 6th March for Port Said, Straits, Hong Kong and Shanghai.
M.V. "BRECONSHIRE"	Leaves Middlesbrough & London 13th March for Port Said, Straits, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

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S.S. "LAKE PENNASK"	Now loading Vancouver for Shanghai, Hong Kong and Calcutta.
S.S. "LAKE WINNIPEG"	Due Hong Kong early March. Loads Vancouver for Shanghai, Formosa and Hong Kong late Feb. Due Hong Kong late March. Loads for Vancouver late March.

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"CHINA TRANSPORT"	6th Mar.	Shanghai & Yokohama
"CAPITAL VICTORY"	6th Mar.	Manila
"PACIFIC TRANSPORT"	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Taku, Bar & Yokohama
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"FENGTEI"	Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya	7 a.m. 29th Jan.
"SZECHUEN"	Swatow, Hongkong & Saigon	3 p.m. 29th Jan.
"NINGHAI"	Singapore	4 p.m. 29th Jan.
"HUPHAI"	Amoy, Fouchow, Shanghai & Tientsin	5 p.m. 31st Jan.
"SHINGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 3rd Feb.
"YUCHOW"	Incheon & Pusan	4 p.m. 8th Feb.

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ARRIVALS FROM

"SZECHUEN"	Hongkong, Saigon	a.m. 27th Jan.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	a.m. 27th Jan.
"YUCHOW"	Singapore & Hailow	2nd Feb.

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Arrivals from

"MENELAUS"	U.K. via Straits	20th Jan.
"TANALUS"	U.K.	30th Jan.
"AGAPENOR"	U.K.	30th Jan.

Sailings to

"ADRASTUS"	Tangier, Liverpool via Port Said	30th Jan.
"MENELAUS"	Genua via Port Said	2nd Feb.
"ERIAN"	Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow via Port Said	2nd Week Feb.

NEW YORK SERVICE

Arrivals from

"PRINCE"	U.S.A. via Manila and Shanghai	8th Feb.
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Agents: Australian-Oriental Line, Ltd.

Arrivals from

"SHANSI"	Australia via Manila	2nd Week Feb.
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Sailings to

"YUNNAN"	Sydney & Melbourne	2nd Feb.
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